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From the CEO's Desk
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Your Voice is Making a Difference

Thanks to everyone who participated in one of the six town hall meetings we just completed Monday night. On behalf of the Board let me express our gratitude for your passion in regards to providing girls with outdoor experiences that have transformed the lives of countless generations of women - women who are making our communities better places to live through their leadership and service, including every one of you reading this message.

We learned so much over the past three weeks through your thoughtful questions and opinions. We discovered new insights that we missed over the past two years – insights that have been shared with the entire Board and that will make a difference as they think through the difficult decisions to be made at the Board meeting this weekend.

I want to thank the troop leaders who gave the girls in their troops an opportunity to learn about using their voice to influence the decision of the Board. What touched our hearts more than anything was hearing the girls articulate their thoughts about the property and reading the many letters and notes they sent to the Board. They demonstrate more than any data we can collect the difference that the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) makes in the lives of girls, and of course it's you – our Girl Scout volunteers - that make the GSLE come alive.

Please know that your participation in these meetings made a difference. Though the decision is still a very difficult one, and unfortunately there was no ah-ha moment that pointed to THE answer, the Board has new information that I believe will help them make the best possible decision. Thank you for recognizing that we all come from the same place in our hearts as we deliberate this issue – that we care about today's girls and future generations of girls; that we believe that outdoor experiences are important for girls; and that we are committed to solutions that will ultimately support all girls.

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