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Dear Scouting volunteers, parents, donors, and partners:

Friday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein approved a majority of the national Boy Scouts of America's financial restructuring plan. BSA's Plan of Reorganization creates a Trust to compensate past victims of abuse involving adults in Scouting while also securing our program's mission for years to come. The plan was supported by 86% of abuse claimants. While there are still some matters to resolve, the ruling represents a significant milestone in the financial restructuring of the national Scouting organization.

Our council has had a voice in the bankruptcy process, even though the Capitol Area Council is separate and distinct from the national Boy Scouts of America organization and did not file for bankruptcy. Our Executive Board authorized a contribution directly to the Trust to compensate past victims of abuse. None of the proceeds to be used by our council for the Trust come from donor-designated gifts, Friends of Scouting, or James E. West contributions.

This action is part of the work the Boy Scouts of America has done over the past 40 years in collaboration with experts and law enforcement to ensure the safety and security of youth in our program. This has been made possible by policies and procedures including the creation and implementation of our required Youth Protection Training, the practice of "two deep leadership" to prevent an adult from being alone with a child, thorough screening of adult volunteers including criminal background checks, and the ongoing use of the Volunteer Screening Database (a tool the Centers for Disease Control recommends to keep kids safe). Thanks to these ever-evolving practices and the dedication of our volunteer leaders, Scouting today is among the safest youth activities available to families and their children.

After two years of missed opportunities due to the pandemic and rising cases of diagnosed mental health issues, youth need Scouting like never before. We look forward to returning to schools in the next few weeks to invite every family to join our proven program of fun, adventure, and leadership and character development.

Thank you for all you do in support of youth through Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

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