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VIA TELECOPY AND MAIL

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I write in response to your letter to Roy Williams dated February 9, 2005.

I have advised all local councils to transfer charters issued to government entities to private entities immediately. My office will work with councils to see that the transfers are made, and I will confirm during the next chartering cycle that councils have complied. Any charter which thereafter designates a government entity will be rejected.

There are some such charters for which new sponsors cannot be found immediately. For example, inner-city housing authorities themselves charter Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops because housing projects lack two-parent families and adults with the time to plan and supervise activities for boys. These boys are among the neediest we serve. They would have few, if any, constructive youth groups they could join if Scouting were unavailable. Also, there are Packs and Troops which are attached to prisons so as to provide children with the opportunity to interact with incarcerated parents in a positive environment, and those charters pose similar difficulties. For the sake of these children, we appreciate your patience in allowing us whatever additional time may be required to find entities willing to take on these charters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clarke Farrer".

Clarke Farrer
Director of Registration

cc: Roy L. Williams
David K. Park, Esq.