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Dear National Federations,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Continental Board Member from Pan America on the IFSC Executive Board. I have been fortunate to have been involved with various aspects of climbing – from parent of a competition climber, to judge, to coach, to event organizer, to gym owner, to NF co-founder and representative, to EB member – and I look forward to bringing my diverse experience in and out of climbing to the IFSC with the goal of guiding our sport toward a sustainable and prosperous future.

My recent role as an observer board member has provided invaluable insight into the IFSC's operations and governance. This experience has deepened my understanding of the IFSC's strategic priorities and the importance of maintaining strong relationships with national federations, athletes, and other stakeholders while not being afraid to speak passionately about issues of importance to our sport.

As a member of the Olympic Combined Scoring Working Group, I have demonstrated my commitment to the technical advancement of our sport. This role allowed me to work closely with experts from various elements of our sport to develop and refine a scoring system that addressed the concerns of various stakeholders, ensured fair competition and maintained the excitement and accessibility of our events for both its competitors and spectators. This experience has reinforced my belief in the importance of evidence-based decision-making and collaborative problem-solving in sports governance.

Looking toward the future, I am particularly passionate about securing long-term sustainability for competition climbing. This includes not only financial stability but also environmental responsibility, athlete welfare, and grassroots development. I believe we must focus on creating robust development pathways, enhancing competition formats, and strengthening our relationships with our stakeholders while maintaining the integrity and values that make our sport unique.

If elected as Continental Board Member, I would work tirelessly to represent the interests of all of us while bringing the unique perspectives of the Pan American climbing community. I am committed to fostering innovation, promoting inclusivity, and ensuring that competition climbing continues to thrive at all levels.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the IFSC and the climbing community in this important role.

Sincerely,



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