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Greetings:

It is my distinct pleasure to write to the **Green Mountain Council** Selection Committee today on behalf of Mark Saxon, candidate for your Scout Executive position.

I've been a Scouter for over 30 years, all with Cradle of Liberty Council or its pre-merger predecessor, Valley Forge Council. I have served on our Executive Board for 13 years (and counting), including a five-year term as Council Commissioner. Currently I am also an NER Area 5 Committee member and Area Commissioner designate, so I will join the Region Board in May.

It is also bittersweet to write to you on Mark's behalf, because your gain will definitely be our loss. Nevertheless, I recommend him with absolutely the highest rating.

I've interacted with Mark throughout his professional career with Cradle of Liberty. He first joined us as a District Executive, but he quickly progressed, and nicely transitioned, into our Development Group. It wasn't long before he was in charge.

I know Mark several ways; as a Scout colleague, as a friend and as a client. I am a Real Estate Agent and I sold Mark and Bethany their home. I can state with complete accuracy that Mark is consistently the same guy in each category. He is thoughtful and incisive, he is thorough and analytical, and above all he is courteous and kind (hate to be cliché, but...). I've had the pleasure of watching him work a room during many of the fundraising events he organized, and he is consistent there, too. His events run like clockwork and he is decisive and even-handed in leading his team. What you see is what you get; in a Scouting world sometime afflicted with artifice, Mark is a breath of fresh air.

I've served on two Selection Committees here in Cradle of Liberty Council. Honestly, Mark stacks up with any potential Scout Executive I have experienced.

Mark Saxon is everything you are seeking in a Scout Executive and CEO. I urge his selection.

Very truly yours,

**Chuck Bolger,**

**COL Executive Board Member, NER Area 5 Committee**

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