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Attachment H



Date: June 10, 2016
To: Board of Directors
From: Susan Redman-Rengstorf, Put Girls First Task Group Chair
Subject: National Council Proposal

In preparation for the June board meeting, please review the attached proposal from Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (Attachment I). They have submitted this proposal for discussion and vote on at the 2017 National Council Meeting. The primary focus of their proposal is to take the word “try” out of the Girl Scout Promise. The premise behind the proposal is based on much research and their goal is to be relevant for our girls of today. It is interesting to note that when the Girl Scout Promise was first written, it was based on the Girl Guide Promise and did not have the word “try” in it. The word “try” was added a year later.

Our board is being asked to support having the discussion at the National Convention in 2017 about the Girl Scout Promise. They are not asking us to support acting on the proposal to remove the word “try.” Councils will have the next year to communicate this information to our girls and members, and our delegates will represent them at the convention for the discussion and vote.

The supporting documents include a support form which requests the signature of our board chair to support bringing this proposal for discussion and debate. The Put Girls First Task Group is charged with helping the board carry out its advocacy role and this is another way in which we can support this work. Thank you for your consideration. We will lead a discussion at the June meeting and look forward to the lively dialogue.

