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Dear Cincinnati Classicway Elite Athletes, Parents, Sponsors, and Coaches:

It is with very mixed emotion that I announce the ending of the Cincinnati Classicway Elite Basketball Organization. I advised the Board of Directors two weeks ago that due to my desire to spend more time with my family and increased work demands, I felt the need to resign as President and Chief Operating Officer of the organization. The Board and I were committed to continuing Cincinnati Classicway Elite and searched the community for and individual(s) to assume my role. Unfortunately, we found no one that was interested.

I have personally notified all the coaches of my resignation and many wish to continue coaching a team. These coaches will act independently and not be a part of the Cincinnati Classicway Elite Organization.

The Cincinnati Elite Organization has grown tremendously since its inception in 1989. It originated with just three teams and ended in 2002 with seventeen teams in a wide range of age groups. The girl's basketball talent throughout the Tri-State area is tremendous. Because of the strength of our basketball program, we were able to draw many of the most committed and qualified players in the area to our program. Many of our athletes pursued their basketball interest and played in various colleges around the country.

I am very proud to have been a part of such a committed, first class, basketball program. Additionally, I feel very fortunate to have worked with such dedicated and qualified coaches for many years. It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors and Administrative Staff as well. Because of their direction and dedication, Cincinnati Classicway Elite was one of the most successful AAU programs in Ohio.

I would like to thank the parents who allowed and encouraged their children to play basketball in our program. Most importantly, I would like to extend the biggest thank you to all the athletes who participated in Cincinnati Classicway Elite. I sincerely hope their learning experience both on and off court was positive.

While I have resigned my position with Classicway, I want everyone to know that I will remain available to answer any questions and assist in making this transition as smooth as possible. Best of Luck!

Sincerely,

Brad Lockhart