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Paso Robles Optimist Club
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Optimist International
Board of Directors
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Gentlemen,

We are writing to you today to plea for your continued support of the international clubs, specifically those which are sponsored by our club and others clubs within the Pacific Southwest District. Our club currently sponsors a club in Nicaragua and has done so without the assistance of our District. We have paid their dues out of our club's accounts and have not had to rely on monies provided from the district or other clubs, and we feel it is important to maintain that connection with the club in Nicaragua and continue sponsoring them.

If it is the intention of Optimist International to withdraw sponsoring international clubs, then we respectfully ask for Optimist International to recognize those international clubs as Associate Clubs and continue their connection with Optimist International on a reduced fee structure. This will enable domestic clubs to continue sponsoring international clubs within their club's budget and still provide support to the international clubs that desperately need assistance and recognition.

We sincerely hope you will consider this option and look forward to your reply.

Thank you,



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