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Fellow NHFOA Members-

For those of you that don't know me, allow me to give you a brief background. I have officiated high school football since I was 18 years old and transferred here in 2010 from Arizona. In addition to my 16 years on the field, I grew up going to my dad's games and working as the ball boy or on the chains for the crews he was on. I have been around high school football officiating my whole life. In addition to football, I also officiate Women's College Basketball. In short, officiating is very near and dear to my heart. I believe it's time for me to give back and serve on the council.

As one of the handful of members we have under 40, the long term success of the NHFOA is very important to me. As the father of two kids under 6, I also understand the value of time to a young family.

Recruitment and retention of young officials must be our top priority. If elected to the council, every decision I make will be guided by that principle. We need to drop our average age and we need to do so in the next few years. Personally, I enjoy working Friday nights and one game on a Saturday. I fear that in a few years, working multiple varsity games on a Saturday will be the norm. This is simply not sustainable for someone with a young family. These are problems officials' organizations face nationally. I don't pretend to have all of the answers, but I know that by working with other members of our organization, we can figure out solutions that will work for NH.

In recent years I've also observed a trend of more boorish discourse at our meetings. I believe everyone should be able to be respectfully heard when speaking their mind. I also believe the council, after making a decision, should present a unified front to the membership. I hope to build consensus for methods to promote recruitment and retention both on the council and with the membership.

I thank you for your time and humbly ask for your vote.