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## Follow Up

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Good afternoon Mr. Lipscomb and Ms. Miller,

I am writing asking if you could verify receipt of my email yesterday and my daughter's and my incident report/statement.

Do let me know if you need anything.

My primary concern will always be to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone who is competing within whatever organization or association I am with. My intent was to provide a fair and accurate account without taking sides. But to remind that some parties do have an even higher responsibility and standard to meet since they represent the bigger organizations and are the adults.

I have 5 children, 3 of which are teenagers at present. I am well versed in "attitude" and can without a doubt say that Savanna was not displaying "attitude" when verbally accosted by more than one accuser in that announcer's booth at a new arena she has never run at. Her tone did display confusion and then frustration and embarrassment when they were denying her defense that she was not able to take a photo, essentially calling her a liar, but not a "shitty, defensive, threatening and combative attitude" that was described by both Ms. DeHaven and Ms. Reid. That is why I located the video that actually captured the audio of the exchange and provided that as evidence to support the account of events.

I very deliberately and actively tried to deescalate the situation, on the day with all parties, because I was not only the witness to but also on the receiving end of misplaced aggressive and hostile accusations that were entirely without merit.

I do know that no matter what an IBRA and VCA Sanctioned contractor & VCA board member should not have been blasting reputation damaging information in a public setting, especially when that party is not present to defend themselves. It isn't appropriate. We have to do better no matter how emotionally charged we are.

Since the submission yesterday of my incident report/statement, both my 15-yr-old daughter and I have been unfriended and blocked by both Alison DeHaven and Allyson Reid. I am not sure if this means we are no longer welcome to participate in IBRA/VCA events at their locale or if they are simply upset that I provided witness. We have been riding almost exclusively at Maple Hill and Running Broke with both parties for almost the entirety of the 2024 and 2025 season. I have only relatively recently met the Lusk family and this is the first time that I had brought Savanna and my daughter to a show together. The Lusks have always been very welcoming, friendly and willing to help anyone who may need it, as I have witnessed at other events to other parties. There obviously does seem to be an underlying "beef" between Ms. DeHaven and Ms. Lusk perhaps from competition or some other issue I am definitely not privy to, which is speculation and not actionable.

The only thing I can absolutely speak on is that the incident against a 15-year-old child was highly inappropriate and entirely avoidable and Ms. DeHaven was at fault in that incident and exchange. Additionally her accusations against me were entirely without merit and entirely inappropriate. Ms. DeHaven owes a public apology at the very minimum because the incident was so public. However any bylaw disciplinary actions should also be evaluated and applied as appropriate.

Thank you for getting back to me. I know these things are never pleasant to work through and I hope we can all move forward with a wonderful 2025 season! I do appreciate what you do.

Respectfully,

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