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Dear Clydesdale Breeders of the USA Members:

Since 1990, Clydesdales have been a major part of my family's life and have shaped me into the man I am today. I have countless memories and stories in raising, showing, working, and having a professional career with Clydesdales. I bought my very first Clydesdale at the National Clydesdale Sale in 1995 when I was just 16 years old. I won the first ever riding class at the Illinois State fair in 2000. I presented the colors at the first World Clydesdale show in over one hundred years in 2007 and 2012. In 2018, I decided to pursue my dream and accepted a position with the Budweiser Clydesdales. With Budweiser, I was able to grow my knowledge and passion by showing these majestic horses to hundreds of thousands of fans and spectators across the country. My ultimate dream was to drive an 8 horse Budweiser Clydesdales hitch and that was achieved in my hometown at the 2021 Illinois State Fair.

As you can see, the Clydesdales have meant a lot to me, but also to my family. Like many families who are members of the Clydesdale Breeders of the USA (CBUSA), we all have sacrificed countless hours of our blood, sweat, tears, and emotions with these beautiful creatures. We all want to see the heritage of the Clydesdale to continue for years to come for the next generation to promote and enjoy. For this reason, I have decided to run for the CBUSA Board. Given my passion, knowledge, dedication and understanding, I believe I would be an excellent addition to the CBUSA Board.

Being a lifelong member and serving on several committees for the CBUSA, I know the hard work that goes into serving. My father, Dennis Johnson, served on the CBUSA Board for 21 years. My mother, Linda Johnson, brother Mitchell Johnson, and I have all served on the National Clydesdale Sale Committee. Currently, I'm serving on the 2025 World Clydesdale Show Committee (WCSC) and the Clydesdale Versatility Program for the WCS. By serving on these committees, I know the time and effort necessary to make an association successful. I'm honored to serve on the 2025 WCSC to showcase the Clydesdales at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL., my hometown. This year's WCS show will be an amazing experience not only for the exhibitors, but also any patron (horse lover or not) in attendance.

Serving on the CBUSA Board is just not about one person and their own goals or values: it's about the betterment of the Clydesdale Draft Horse breed and serving the association members. I want to truly listen to association members and address any concerns that they might have. As members, we are not always going to agree on what's best for the association, but it is important to have a healthy and transparent dialogue. Working together for the CBUSA is what will make the organization strong. I am an example of a child that grew up in the CBUSA and looked forward to becoming involved. I believe that now is my time to do my part and serve the Clydesdale Draft Horse and the CBUSA.

I appreciate your vote and support for the Clydesdale Breeders of USA Board.

Sincerely,



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