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Dear Members of CHASA Executive

RE: Thank you CHASA and CEO Stephen PALOS!

On behalf of WRSA I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude to the CHASA Executive for the unparalleled support and comradery of your CEO, Stephen Palos. WRSA and the greater wildlife industry is facing an unprecedented and challenging legal environment, with legislative reviews and regulatory changes both at home and abroad.

These challenges have come in many forms including:

- The parliamentary colloquium
- High-Level Panel report
- Draft Policy Position on Sustainable Use
- White Paper on Sustainable Use
- Promulgated TOPS Regulations
- Various Norms and Standards
- Wildlife Forum meeting and government engagements
- CITES COPs
- US Fish and Wildlife Services regulations
- UK Trophy bans
- Interviews and public communication

Stephen has always availed himself and always represented CHASA and its members with the upmost decorum. While he could easily have taken a comfortable back seat and said that "these challenges don't impact CHASA directly," they all have severe long-term impacts on game ranchers that provide your members with *"THE FREEDOM TO HUNT"*.

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He always sees the bigger picture and his support and guidance with the formulation of the Sustainable Use Coalition (SUCO-SA) and involvement of an even wider stakeholder base from different sustainable use groupings from across the globe is further testament to his vision.

I recently received notable feedback from our advocate and legal team who are working on our legal challenge regarding the proposed TOPS regulations, congratulating Stephen on his considerable inputs and suggested amendments. His insights and contributions were invaluable, and his presence helped provide a well-rounded perspective that aided in making the best decisions possible. This motivated me to pen this letter thanking the executive and CHASA for all their continued support of the industry. We might not always agree with Stephen on all his views and sometimes stubborn beliefs, but he always has the broader industry at heart and is a true champion for the entire sustainable use sector.

From my side, and from the entire WRSA community, thank you for your support and the great work Stephen does.

Kind regards

Gerhard Heyneke (Chairman)

Colin Engelbrecht (Vice-Chairman)

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