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Dear Friends of Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf,

Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls. We are a century old organization where girls can grow and learn together. That is only possible with the help of caring volunteers that oversee what girls are, and are not, exposed to in this organization. Throughout our 100-year history, Girl Scouts has held true to our core values as stated in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We are most visible during the Cookie Program, which is a beloved American Institution. In light of what has recently been some very anti-Girl Scouts media, it is important that we share our beliefs and principles with those that support our organization. The misinformation in the media is abundant and does not reflect the views of this council.

We wish to assure parents, volunteers, community partners, and all the friends of Girl Scouting that Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf, as well as the national organization GSUSA, has no past, present or planned partnership with Planned Parenthood. Nor does this council take a stand on abortion or birth control. Those matters are best left to families to discuss with their daughters.

Minus what is paid to the baker, all of the proceeds from cookie sales remain here within our council to fund program opportunities, program supplies, camping facilities, camping opportunities, troop proceeds and incentives for the girls. Allocations of funds are detailed in our Annual Report, which is available to the public each year.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We welcome all girls in kindergarten through 12th grade as members. We recognize that girls benefit most from a program designed specifically for them and delivered in an all-girl setting. We affirm that our council's programming is for girls only.

More information on these subjects can be viewed in entirety at
<http://www.girlscoutspinestogulf.org/Files/Press/QAGirlScoutsBeliefsAndPrincipals.pdf>
and
<http://www.girlscoutspinestogulf.org/Files/Press/GSLPGBeliefsandPrinciplesppf.pdf>

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf strives to maintain a safe environment where girls can learn to become their best selves. All girls, volunteers and staff members are expected to live by the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. Should you have any further questions regarding these matters please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Susan Shirley
Board President

Susan Sewell
Chief Executive Officer

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