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Dear Fellow District II Members,

I want to start by thanking those of you that chose to nominate me as a candidate for District II Director. This is a position that I take very seriously and feel very strongly about.

Many of you know me from the show ring, but for those that do not, my involvement with dairy goats began more than fifty years ago. I became an ADGA Life Member in 2011, earned my ADGA Judges License in 1987, became an Advanced Judge in 2001, and a Linear Appraiser in 2011. Judging and appraising has allowed me the opportunity to travel not only to nearly all 50 states, but to New Zealand and South America as well. In addition to my involvement ADGA I represent dairy goats on the board of directors for the American Goat Federation. I have also owned a variety of other livestock, and have served as president of the board for two other national breed associations.

Throughout the years I have served on many ADGA committees including National Show, Linear Appraisal, Type, Judges, Judges Training, Advanced Judges, Spotlight Sale, and I am a former Chair of the Youth committee.

My experiences with dairy goats and other livestock led me to earn college degrees in Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science and Education. I spent nearly 20 years teaching in the public school system and have also been an adjunct professor teaching beginning and experienced level livestock evaluation classes. Those years working in the education system have provided me experience in working with budgets, grants, and the value of teamwork.

ADGA is going through a time of major change. Experience, commitment, and teamwork will be essential for a successful future. We need to be fiscally responsible to the membership and to the organization. If elected I will work to the best of my ability to help improve communication, represent the wishes of the members, and ensure the ultimate sustainability of our association. We can make a difference if we work together.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have, use any of the contact information at the top of this letter. Thank you for your time, and please take a moment to fill out and mail your ballot today. Regardless of your choice make your vote count.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) A. Bartholomew, Jr