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The Boy Scouts of America recognizes that child abuse of any kind has a lasting impact on the victims, their families, and others close to the situation. We are especially saddened and disappointed when it happens to boys in the Scouting program. Charles Donald Corley abused his leadership position in our volunteer organization. His abhorrent acts had a negative impact on countless people over a number of years, and we support the decision delivered by the judicial system of Alabama: 30 years in jail.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council supported the three brave young men who stood up for what was right and pressed charges against Charles Donald Corley back in 1995, and we continue to support them today. We strongly recommend that the Alabama Pardons and Parole board DENY parole for Charles Donald Corley.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council have always stood against child abuse of any kind. The BSA continues to take steps to enhance our youth protection efforts and strategies. We have zero tolerance in Scouting for any action that does not uphold our dedication to building good character in a safe environment. The Boy Scouts of America has a rigorous, multi-tiered youth protection approach focused on volunteer screening, national criminal background checks, and the education of parents, Scouts, and adult volunteers to recognize and report abuse.

Our focus and commitment on prevention is paramount, yet it does not stop there. The Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council supports the fulfillment of just punishment when a crime has been committed by any individual wearing our uniform or any involvement in Scouting. For 100 years, the experience of being a Boy Scout has had a positive and lasting effect on the lives of 100 million young people. Each week, parents across America and their sons attend Scout meetings run by community volunteer leaders. The success of youth organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America depends on the trust and confidence of these parents and the community, and we are doing everything in our power to earn that trust every day.

Today we join those familiar with this situation by supporting three men who continue to do what is right. Once again, the Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council strongly recommend that the Alabama Pardons and Parole board DENY parole for Charles Donald Corley.

Sincerely,

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