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LETTER OF SUPPORT

In September our national governing body, USA Judo, will be conducting their first elections to determine who will be seated on their relatively new Board of Directors. This is truly a historic occasion as this will be the first time that American judo leadership will have the opportunity to vote for their representative.

The USA Judo Annual Assembly and Board of Directors elections will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24-25 prior to the U.S. Open in Colorado Springs. There will be a candidate forum on the evening of Sept. 24 and Directors elections will be held on Sept. 25.

Those directors to be elected are: athletes (2), Group A, Groups B & C, referee, coach, at-large (2), and independent (2). Their respective groups will choose these directors.

With recent changes at the International Judo Federation and the sport of judo constantly evolving, and the challenges we face in our country, we believe this to be a critical time for American judo. We wish USA Judo the best of luck in choosing the right leadership for the future of our sport. We would also like to encourage every judo leader to take part in this historic election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil Simon".

Neil Simon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Webb".

Jim Webb