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Dear friends,

We hope this finds you safe and well. We know how hard it has been sheltering at home and being separated from our square dance families. As promised in our previous communication, we are reaching out with an update about the Take A Peak convention. At this time, unfortunately, there has been no change in the status of the convention, which is scheduled for July 4th weekend this year.

When the 2020 convention was first awarded to Denver back in 2016, we had been entrusted with planning our annual family reunion. Little did we know the impact that a global pandemic would have on the event. All of our decisions have been and will continue to be made with the best interest of the square dance community in mind. This includes the health and well-being of the dancers.

Many of you have been reaching out to us to share your thoughts. We have been monitoring the cancellation of peer events around the country, including the National Square Dance Convention and GALA Festival. We continue to monitor local, national, and international impacts of COVID-19. Our committee is in daily conversations, working hard behind the scenes to assess the viability of the convention and review the status of existing contracts. The Take A Peak committee and the IAGSDC board have been in close communication, and we're grateful for the expertise that John Faulds has offered. We understand your concerns and want to reiterate our commitment to the health and safety of our dancers.

At this time, the organizers of Take A Peak and the board of the IAGSDC ask for your continued patience.

We understand that it might be frustrating that our committee has not yet been able to provide more clarity on the status of the convention. That responsibility sits heavy on our shoulders and continues to motivate us to work towards a solution as quickly as possible. We will continue to send updates with any new developments and to assure you that we are working hard to uphold the trust the IAGSDC placed in us four years ago.

- Take A Peak convention and IAGSDC Board