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Dear Fellow WCBA Member:

On behalf of myself and those others who helped get the WCBA off the ground, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support in making our collective vision a reality.

I would particularly like to thank a few individuals. First, Christine Fortenberry of Fortenberry Construction, who as a committed civic and business leader in our community provided some early inspiration and motivation to get us started. Anne Lingenfeld from Canton Road branch of the Community Bank of the South who also provided some much needed inspiration and insight as one of the founding members of the Canton Road Business Association. Along with Anne, I'm also very grateful to Lisa Hendley from the Dallas Hwy Branch of CBS, who had the foresight to contact me "out of the blue" to ask if I was the person trying to get this business association started. I also want to thank David Taylor, from Keller Williams, whose career with Keller-Williams took on a whole new dimension recently, but whose efforts early on were instrumental in the founding of our association.

And finally, my favorite, princi"pal," Peggy Hollis at Kemp Elementary school, who quickly offered her services as our first secretary, documenting our initial steps, and who, without hesitation, made her facility at Kemp Elementary available to us for our initial meeting.

As we begin just our second year of existence, I still feel the same enthusiasm and exuberance from our members and I'm confident we will continue to grow, help our community and most importantly help each other to be successful in our own individual endeavors.

The task of new leadership transition has begun, and while we have experienced a few missteps and stumbles in our journey, I'm extremely proud of what our association has accomplished to date, and I'm looking forward to bigger and better things to come.

Again, a very heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support during our first year.

Sincerely,

Blair McDougall