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I wish you all a joy filled holiday season surrounded with family, friends, and good health into the New Year!

Since the start of our 17024 journey, these past years have been very challenging financially for the ABC. We have strived to balance the additional costs associated with accreditation without increasing our regional organization dues and certificate holder fees. I would like to publicly acknowledge the generous donations from two of our regional organizations towards the ABC's endeavor of obtaining ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation. A special thanks goes out to The Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists (NWAFS) and the California Association of Criminalists (CAC) for their donations of \$2,500 and \$6,000, respectively.

I would like to thank the entire membership for their personal dedication to certification and maintaining their certification through the recertification process. It truly takes a community to accomplish great things.

Best Regards,
Meg Aceves, D-ABC
ABC President