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WORLD BOXING

I have been active in boxing for over 55years. During my years, active as a boxer, a coach for grassroots as well as the district team and later on as the president for Swedish Boxing and on the board of the Swedish Boxing Federation for 10 years, I have seen the importance of our sport to be part of the Olympics. It is important on all levels, inspiring the young to achieve their long-term goal; compete in the Olympics, and for the elite, to reach their goals. Our sport needs to be part of the Olympics!

I am proud over to have been one of the persons that started the Common Cause Alliance. A few of us wanted to help IBA to do their work in a democratic and transparent way. However, IBA didn't care! Together with Boris van der Vorst, Mike McAtee and Steve Hartley I was disqualified by IBA to run for the IBA board in Istanbul! We didn't accept the false accusations and wrongfully disqualification, verified by CAS when they ruled in our favor. Then, we understood that we had to work even harder, and differently, to keep boxing Olympic! We all started to work in another direction. Work that ended up with the new organization, World Boxing. I am happy and proud of being one of us who started World Boxing!

I will continue to work hard so our boxers will be treated fair and all boxers can dream and aim for the Olympic Games. I will never give up! I want to continue to work hard so World Boxing will be the international organization that stands for democracy, fairness, transparency and have the athletes best in focus!

Corruption will never win!