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Dear Fellow American Rose Society Members,

I enthusiastically and wholeheartedly endorse Chris VanCleave in his candidacy for Vice President of the American Rose Society.

Chris has toiled mightily on behalf of the rose. He has been active in ARS for years and has served on the Marketing and Membership Committee for six years. Ten years ago he created the Rose Chat Podcast through which he has brought news of all things roses to hundreds of thousands of listeners, from the casual gardener to the most committed rosarian. Chris is passionate about roses and wears that passion on his sleeve. He is high-energy and a big personality in the best sense of the term. He is both a leader and a nice guy—attributes not often found in one individual.

All this will serve our Organization well when Chris becomes our Vice President and then President.

Chris is also well-known and well-respected in the rose industry and will continue the efforts currently underway to bring ARS and the rose industry closer together—something both groups need.

Boundless positive energy, years of volunteer service to ARS, leadership, passion about our favorite plant . . . and a good guy! All great reasons to support Chris's candidacy. I certainly will, and hope you will as well.

Sincerely,

Steve Hutton
President Star Roses and Plants

