



**United States Fight League**  
**P.O. Box 451, Lake Forest, CA 92630**

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Dear Members

I'm writing to inform that Mr. Joe Stevenson will be taking over my role as president of the United States Fight League. As most of you know my middle son Ian Frank Tortorici was killed in Ukraine on June 27th. He had been serving there since March 3rd, 2022. Because of this and other personal factors, the past three years have been very challenging for me. I am now in a position where I will no longer be effective in meeting the needs of the youth Pankration community. I sincerely appreciate the trust placed in me to develop and enforce the standards as a response to AB1186 and hope I was able to do a good job.

Because the United States Fight League is the delegated nonprofit to oversee youth Pankration, aka Youth MMA. I had to make notifications to the board of directors, CSAC, IMMAF and the UFC. This caused the delay in my announcement.

I will be assisting Joe Stevenson and the executive staff he is building in taking over my various regulatory and reporting roles and intend to stay involved with the character development program and injury study for the near future. Joe is respected in the MMA community worldwide as a great athlete, coach, and mentor. More importantly he has a greater heart and embarking in this challenging endeavor for all the right reasons. I am very optimistic and excited to see what the future holds for the community.

Since 2014 my main motivation for the USFL was to use the sport to build youth character as to honor the Gold Star community I am now part of. I now know more than ever that this sport can build the best our nation has to offer and my sacrifice in pursuit of the goal has been worthy. My 22-year roller-coaster of triumphs and disappointments in developing the youth version of MMA has come to an end and I'm sure a new leader will pump new blood and greatly enhance the USFL and its purposes.

Respectfully

Jon Frank