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Dear Clients, Colleagues and Friends:

Count On Us Controller Services, Inc. wishes you a Happy New Year and a successful 2025! We also have some exciting news to share: In alignment with a formal succession plan, Ellen Clement has purchased the company from Jill Vales.

Some Thoughts from Jill

After a very rewarding 45-year career in auditing, accounting, financial management and human resources, including starting my own business almost 19 years ago, the time has come for me to pass the baton, to be able to spend more time with my husband Lou and pursue some new interests such as our first grandchild, due in June, and health and physical fitness. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve our wonderful clients! I could not be more thrilled to pass that baton to Ellen, who has been with the company since 2013 and has developed into a strong leader and Controller. It has been a pleasure to mentor Ellen, especially over the past 3.5 years as we worked together on our succession plan. She has worked closely with every client, and will not miss a beat going forward! Nonetheless, I am very pleased Ellen has asked me to stay on in a Strategic Advisor role for at least one year so I can continue to support her and our clients.

Some Thoughts from Ellen

Jill has much to look forward in her retirement, and I thank her for being my mentor for the past 11 years. I am honored and pleased to accept the baton to carry forward our mission of providing high quality financial management and accounting services to nonprofit and quasi-governmental organizations. I have over 17 years of accounting and business experience. For the last 3.5 years in particular, I have worked diligently and purposefully to round out my accounting technical skills and to develop a deep understanding of every client's mission, finances and operations. That said, we are indeed fortunate to have Jill's continuing support as Strategic Advisor.

Best regards,

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