EXHIBIT A

Retraction Statement

To whom it may concern:

Robert D. Hutchinson, Jr. issues this Retraction and Commitment Statement concerning prior online statements about Midwest Products, Inc. and its Mighty Hoop products and patents.

Defendants unequivocally retract and disavow any prior statements suggesting that Midwest had only "patents pending" or lacked issued patent protection. Defendants acknowledge that, during the relevant period, Midwest owned multiple issued United States patents covering its products.

Defendants further retract and disavow any prior statements suggesting that end users of infringing products cannot be liable for patent infringement. Defendants acknowledge that the unauthorized use of a patented invention constitutes infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), and that promoting or recommending infringing products can constitute inducing infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

Defendants also retract and disavow any statements implying that imitation or "copycat" products are lawful to promote, sell, or use. Defendants agree that, from the date of this statement forward, they will not recommend, promote, advertise, distribute, or otherwise support the purchase or sale of any products that are known or reasonably suspected to be copies or imitations of Midwest's patented products, or that could otherwise infringe upon Midwest's patents.

Defendants further acknowledge that online postings, recommendations, or links that facilitate the sale of infringing products, including those made within social media groups, may expose individuals and group administrators to legal consequences under U.S. patent law.

Defendants regret any confusion or misunderstanding caused by their prior statements and issue this retraction voluntarily to correct the record and affirm their commitment to respect Midwest's intellectual property rights.

ROBERT D. HUTCHINSON, JR.

Signature: 

Dated: 12/02/2025