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**Below is a statement from the Iditarod Trail Committee, regarding Dr. Morrie Craig, director of drug testing for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race:**

The ITC Board of Directors was made aware of a conversation that Dr. Morrie Craig had a very short time prior to the start of Iditarod XLVI with a competitor about drug testing results. While there are differing accounts of the exact nature and perceived intent of the conversation, the BOD believes that the conversation was at best ill timed, and a breach of protocol on Dr. Craig's part. As a result, the board has chosen to formally reprimand Dr. Craig.

Dr. Craig's role as Chief of Drug Testing is to analyze, interpret and report laboratory findings to the board of directors, not to third parties, unless specifically authorized to do so.

The ITC sincerely appreciates the expertise Dr. Craig has brought to the race in developing a credible drug testing program. However, he has been made aware that any further actions on his part deemed detrimental to the success of the program will result in additional disciplinary action up to and including termination of services.

Because this is a personnel matter, the ITC is unable to provide any additional information or comments on this matter.

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