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To: Blue Mtn Baseball Commissioner and OSAA

Re: Gabe Podolski ejection

After much thought over the last two days I have decided to appeal this ejection. I was present for this game and observed the incident described by the official. In my judgement as an AD and someone viewing this play, I have to disagree with Mr. Angel's description of the play. From my vantage I had a direct look at the play, from Mr. Angel's vantage, the play was viewed from the side and it moved past him from his position.

My description of the play is: Gabe was running home, the catcher was about 8 feet down the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline. Gabe pulled his arm across his body (I presume to avoid the tag) and that resulted in a dipping of his shoulder. The catcher was not in the running path and Gabe did not seek a collision with the catcher. The catcher stuck his mitt out and Gabe collided with the mitt and forearms of the Riverside player. "Out" a great and correct call. Mr. Angel then yelled "out" a little louder. No one at that time knew what the call was about. Once we learned of the call within 10-15 seconds, I believe everyone was stunned by the ejection. I heard someone from the Riverside bench, (a coach I believe) stated, "what happened."

Mr. Angel is a great official and we admire his abilities as an official. If this was a judgement call I would just ask that it be reconsidered. We understand everyone has an obligation to protect players, including myself, but I just believe this was not a fair reason for an ejection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Rodighiero, VP/AD  
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A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Jay Rodighiero".