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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to take the opportunity to explain the circumstances that surround my daughter's transfer from playing her freshman season of volleyball for Barlow High School last year, to her now getting ready to try out for her sophomore season of volleyball for Reynolds High School.

Jenna, my daughter, has attended private school at the Phonics Phactory located in Gresham, her entire school career and will continue to do so. She decided last year to try out for Barlow's volleyball program, because it has always been my understanding that even though a kid attends a private school, they are allowed to participate in the sports programs of the school district they live in. And since last year we lived in Barlow's district, she played for them. And even though we have moved, she will still attend the Phonics Phactory again this school year, 2015-16.

Last fall approximately 2 months before the start of club volleyball season, I secured a new place to live for my family that was no longer in the Barlow school district. And since the new house was in the Reynolds district, it was always my intention for her to play for Reynolds moving forward, since we had moved into that district.

As club tryouts approached, we decided that Mt. Hood Volley Ball Club would potentially be a good fit for Jenna, so she tried out and made a team. Shortly after making the team, the club made a coaching change and at that point, Lauren Gardner became her coach. I have since learned in hindsight, that once the coaches were changed and because Lauren is an assistant coach for the Reynolds that this can potentially be an issue in regards to undue influence. But let me say again, that we had already moved and were living in the Reynolds district before we knew which club Jenna would try out for and before making a team that ended up being coached by a representative from Reynolds.

Since Jenna has never gone to a public school, I wasn't aware of the Intent to Transfer form that if signed before club season would have made this a non-issue. I assumed that during the summer I would just check in with the head coach/program for Reynolds and see if there was anything needed for Jenna to try out for their program this fall. It was when I approached the Coach and Athletic director that I found out about this potential issue.

I'd like to summarize by saying that there was absolutely no undue influence. We were already living in the Reynolds district with intent for Jenna to play for them this year, long before Jenna ended up making a club team that ultimately ended up being coached by a Reynolds representative.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Mayer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darin Mayer