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To Whom It may Concern,

In early February 2015 our son Luke was expelled from Bend Senior High School due to his involvement in the use and sale of marijuana to other students. It was a devastating time period for our family and Luke. A few days after Luke was expelled we were blessed with a friend who called us from Billings, Montana who asked that Luke come to Billings to work and go to school.

Luke attended Billings Senior High School spring semester of 2015 as a junior. He worked for our friend who owns Billings Flying Service doing various jobs from driving fuel tanks to washing airplanes. Luke saw a counselor/psychologist while in Billings who helped him work through self esteem issues. He attended Young Life meetings and began working on his private pilot's license. Our friend treated Luke as he did his other employees and had Luke taking random drug tests which is mandatory when working with aircraft. Luke has continued doing these tests since returning home in mid-June.

Luke has been drug and alcohol free since February 2015. He is continuing his involvement in Young Life as well as working on completing his private pilot's license and playing piano. He has also been working for us at home and for neighbors doing yard work. He continues to see a counselor here in Bend and has developed new friendships with other teens who do not use or abuse drugs or alcohol. He is contrite about what he did to our family and most of all to the community of Bend Senior High School.

Water polo and lacrosse are Luke's athletic passions and he would like to participate in these sports this school year. We are requesting that Luke be allowed to participate in sports his senior year as we feel it will help him to continue to develop a healthy self-confidence and outlook on life.

We truly appreciate your consideration in this matter and allowing Luke to be a part of athletics at Bend Senior High School this 2015/2016 school year. We feel he is definitely on the right track and will finish his senior year strong. Luke realizes he is an example to other students of what not to do and how when you make a grave mistake you can with hard work make positive changes in your life and get on the right road and stay on that road. Luke learned a life lesson and we thank God that Luke is back home and doing so well.

Sincerely,



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