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To Whom It May Concern;

As the ICES Field Manager of Willamette Valley Area, I would like to verify the following details regarding the placement of Vivien Karbstein with Shawn & Kathleen Brandt family:

- At the time of the placement, Shawn & Kathleen Brandt were not on the coaching staff or volunteering for the school sports team.
- Their primary criteria for a student for this family was 1) a girl and 2) similar interests to the family so she could more easily adapt to life with the family.
- Vivien was not chosen for her athletic ability, but for her ability to fit in with the family and community.
- ICES strongly encourages all exchange students to participate in school sports as a way of making friends and getting involved in their host school and community.

In light of these circumstances, I request that you grant Vivien a Hardship Waiver so she can participate fully in student life at North Eugene High School this year.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peggie Walter