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I am writing this letter on behalf of Rasmus Vestergaard. Rasmus has joined our school from an approved CSIET Foreign Exchange program and he would also like to be a member of our boys soccer program that participates in OSAA sanctioned events.

Rasmus comes to us from Denmark. I recently received a letter from the OSAA stating his ineligibility due a direct placement with the host the family (Steve and Sue Johnson). Although this is considered a direct placement I due believe the circumstances in which this happened warrants him to be granted a hardship. 25 years ago Rasmus mother stayed with the Johnson's during her foreign exchange program. They maintained contact over the years and his family has visited the Johnson's during this time. When Rasmus decided to be foreign exchange student, his mother (and family) and himself thought the most logical choice would be to stay with the Johnsons. They knew them, knew it would be safe and that it would be a good experience. No one from Oregon City High School had any contact with them regarding athletics and no one from the OCHS Athletic Department had contact with any CSIET representative.

I am a strong advocate for Rasmus to be granted eligibility. He is a young man who wants nothing more than to have the complete high school experience. If you need any more information please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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