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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter as a teacher and coach who has gotten to know Cody Middleton. It was made aware to me recently that Cody is currently ineligible to participate in OSAA sanctioned sports due to his previous semester GPA. Cody came to me and requested I help communicate the hardships he's working to overcome so that he may be given an opportunity to become OSAA eligible.

The situations which precipitated Cody's poor academic standing extend from familial conflict and instability in the living situation. He was moved from Hawthorne, Nevada, a 1A size school, to Newport, Oregon. This move led to him living in a quasi-homeless fashion with his older brother and sister-in-law. Cody's mother took his sister and moved in seek of work. Cody's living situation last school year had him sleeping on the floor with little to no financial resources for food or transportation.

At home, Cody's academics were secondary to survival from one day to the next. Cody did what he could to help out his brother, sister-in-law, and newborn niece. With the transition to a new school, far higher academic expectations, and an unstable living situation, Cody struggled in all respects. Over the course of the summer as he was attempting to correct his poor academic standing, Cody's mother passed away. The grief and even greater uncertainty about his future sank Cody's ambitions.

Once I was made aware of this situation, I wanted to help because Cody is a genuinely nice young man that could do great things in this world. To see him at school you wouldn't guess that he's dealt with so much and still continuing to figure out how to proceed forward. Cody is resilient, honest, and a hard worker. Had he not been thrust into so much upheaval in his life, he would not be in this current situation. Cody is deserving of a hardship as the events which have transpired have been completely out of his control. He needs to see that hard work can pay off and there are people out there willing to give him a second chance.

Cody Middleton deserves a fresh start in all things. It appears his living situation is gaining stability and he is able to refocus on school. I hope those considering Cody's situation will contemplate the tremendous amount of uncontrolled events which caused his current academic decline. Please contact me with any questions.

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