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To whom It may concern,

I have traveled, moved and seen countries all over the world since I was a young child, first with my parents and then by my own. I have learned new languages, played new sports, tried new foods and most of all learned about different cultures along the way. When I was in 8th grade I studied in Texas for a short time, but to me it didn't feel like long enough. I always dreamed of two things in my life, one becoming a doctor and two studying in the USA, when I was young and people asked me what I wanted to be when I was older I would say, "I want to get good grades so I can go study in USA".

During my short life so far I have practiced many different sports, my favorite being dancing. I have tried many and every type of dance that I possibly could. I have played many sports and done Aerial Gymnastics, also known as Sylk, for many years. My family has always told me that the only way I could play or practice any sports was if my grades in school were good, so I have always been determined to have good grades. I always have said that if one day a sport can't get me into college then the knowledge that I have required through the years will be able to help me achieve that goal. Today I'm 17-years-old and I have accomplished my dream of moving to the USA, I have achieved to be a A and B student through the years and today I am working towards becoming a cheerleader for Summit High school to share my own school spirit with all my school mates and let those upcoming cheerleaders know that talent is important, but grit and determination is even more valuable.

Leilani Martinez Vacca

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Leilani', with a stylized, flowing script.