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Mt. Hood Conference District Committee:

This letter is in reference to Delaney Van Andel. Delaney is currently a junior at Reynolds High School. She was previously enrolled at Westview High School in Beaverton. In April of 2014, Delaney transferred to Reynolds but she did not participate in athletics. Delaney is currently hoping to participate for the Reynolds Girls Basketball team but is currently ineligible under **OSAA Rule 8.6 (Transfer without change of Joint Residence)**.

Delaney previously lived in the Reynolds School District with her father and spent most of her elementary school years here, but due to custody issues, she moved in with her mom in the Beaverton School District. She attended Westview High school for her entire freshman year and most of her sophomore year. In late April of her sophomore year, Delaney's home life deteriorated very quickly and it was no longer safe for her to live with her mom. The family then decided that it would be best if she moved back in with her dad and stepmom and attended Reynolds High School.

Delaney is ineligible through no fault of her own. She needed to get out of an unsafe environment and it couldn't wait until the end of the year, which would have kept her eligible under rule 8.6.3. Delaney's transfer is not athletically motivated. She is hoping to make the best out of a bad situation and participating in basketball will help her do that. As an educator whose main job is trying to do what's best for kids, Delaney's athletic eligibility is what's best for her and she has my full support.

It is because of the reasons listed above that I ask the District Committee to please consider and approve Delaney's eligibility for participating in basketball at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Delaney, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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