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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to Tunyarat Janggate. Tunyarat is a foreign exchange student from Thailand and is currently a junior enrolled at Reynolds High School. She is on a CSIET approved exchange program. However, Tunyarat is a "direct placement" through the Cultural Homestay International program and, therefore, is not eligible to participate in OSAA sponsored activities under **OSAA Rule 8.6.3(c)(7)**. This letter is a request for her to be granted eligibility so that he can participate in swimming at Reynolds High School.

Tunyarat's placement is not athletically motivated. As a middle schooler, Tunyarat came to the *United States* as part of a ten day academic/cultural trip. It was during that trip that she met her current host family, the Gullett family, who live in the Reynolds School District. Before she returned to Thailand, the Gullett's offered their home to Tunyarat if she ever wanted to return in the future.

This past summer, Tunyarat took them up on that offer by returning as part of the CHI program. She enrolled here at Reynolds prior to the school year beginning and she has had a very successful stay so far, both academically and socially. She is now wanting to participate in swimming for a variety of reasons, which includes physical fitness as well as making new friends. I am fully aware of the reasoning of why "direct placement" exchange students are automatically ineligible. However, Tunyarat is wanting to participate for all of the right reasons and not for the reasons of why the rule was implemented in the first place.

I ask that you please consider and approve Tunyarat's eligibility for competing in swimming at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Tunyarat please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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