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Hardship Recommendation

To whom it may concern

Softball for me has always been extremely important; there are so many benefits to playing ball.

I started when I was really young and have enjoyed it ever since. Because of my current situation I am required to write a letter stating how softball could be beneficial at Cleveland High School for me. My first reason that I feel softball would be beneficial, is the social aspect.

Because I am moving from a small school like Central Catholic where I knew everyone in my class, to a big school like Cleveland it is a big change. I don't know a great amount of people at Cleveland. Softball has always been the place I am most comfortable talking to people and making friends. My hope in playing softball at Cleveland is to meet new people. Hopefully softball season will help me branch out. Playing a sport would really help me connect with my peers and become a part of the Cleveland community.

Another reason I believe playing softball will benefit me is through my emotional state. Softball has always helped me control my anxiety and give me the drive I need. Because I want to play I always have homework done. If I am not in good standing with my school, I am not allowed to play. Softball is the incentive to get my work done and stay on track through school. I really want to go somewhere with softball. I would love to play softball in college and continue playing. I not only play softball through school but I also play on a club team. I am constantly practicing and dedicating my time to softball. Not being able to play softball at Cleveland and represent my school would really affect me in a negative way. Softball is something that I am

really passionate about and really does make a huge impact on my life. Softball season is when I am the most happy, the most driven, and the most me. I just want to show the real me through softball at Cleveland High School.

When my mom received the notice that we would need to move out of the house we were renting I knew that I would need to make the change to a public school. Central Catholic was just too much money especially when we would have to be moving. The house that we are moving into is in the Cleveland district so that was the school that I was automatically transferred to. I was excited to move to a new school but also really worried because the thought of not being able to play high school ball brought me so much anxiety and really worried me. This sport is so important to me. Softball keeps me emotionally stable, drives me to be a better student, and gives me an environment to meet new people and make friends. I hope after reading this you will consider allowing me to represent my school on the Cleveland Softball team by accepting my hard ship request. I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter.

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