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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to ask you to please reconsider allowing Sam Archer, my son, to participate in track at Bend High. He attends school at Marshall High.

Sam has had a rough winter. His backpack with a lot of his school work in it, was stolen when my car was broken into. The police made it clear that we won't get anything back. It was quite hard for Sam to make up all of that work that was lost to thieves.

Sam had also been dealing with insomnia problems. There had been nights that he didn't sleep at all. Other nights he maybe got one or two hours sleep. That makes for a very tired young man at school. His doctor has been working with him, trying to find the right medication for him. It has been from October until the end of January, but Dr. Weeks finally found something that works well. Also, Sam starts counseling in March to find out the root cause of his insomnia.

We also moved during all of this back out to Deschutes River Woods. Of course, moving is never easy on anyone, let alone a teenager.

I would like to let you know that Sam is on an IEP for his learning disabilities. While going through testing to see if he falls in the autism spectrum, which he didn't, we found that Sam has a one percent working memory. Classes that involve a lot of memorizing, like science and such, is extremely difficult for him. Sam gets out of school at 2:20. His teachers have made it clear to him that he can come in during lunch and stay after school to get any extra help that he needs. Also, Coach Darrell, his hurdles coach, told Sam that he would be more than happy to help him with his studies. Sam knows that if you allow him to participate, he will be on a weekly grade check and if at any time he doesn't keep his grades up, he will be dismissed for the rest of track season.

Track is probably the most positive thing in Sam's life that he gets to do. It's the one thing that he does exceptionally well. This encourages him to want to go to college. Sam wants to be the first one in our family to actually graduate and then also be the first to go to college. He feels that if he can get his grades up to par and maybe get a track scholarship, he could make it to Oregon State.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns. 541-678-1300, or jerriearcher@yahoo.com

*Sincerely,
Jerrie Archer*