

March 9, 2016

Re: Request for Hardship
Jacob Butcher, age 17
Student at Vernonia High School
Vernonia, Oregon 97064

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to request that hardship be granted for Jacob Butcher, our son and a student in his junior year at Vernonia High School, for this year's baseball season.

Jacob has recently returned to school following an extended illness due to a neuro-endocrine tumor. His condition, once diagnosed, made it impossible for him to attend school on a daily schedule. The GI issues and other health issues that accompanied the tumor have been very difficult for him to cope with and we are relieved that he seems to be taking a turn for the better. Jacob's absence was due to the many tests and treatments that he had to endure and also just allowing time for healing and for his body to recover.

As you can imagine, this has been very hard on him physically, mentally, and emotionally. We have high hopes that being able to attend school again and be around his peers and have the support of teachers, coaches, and his community that he will continue to improve.

We are asking that you take into consideration what he has been through and allow him to participate in the baseball season. He really needs to get back to leading his life. Jacob is a nice young man, who gets good grades and has played sports since he was five years old. It has been hard to miss out on football and not play on the winning State basketball team, missing baseball too would be tough to take.

Jacob deserves to be given the chance to be part of the team and rejoin his regular activities. Our hope is that spending time with his teammates will have a positive influence on his health and well-being. If we can answer any questions or concerns that you might have, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy and willing to do whatever it takes to help make the remainder of this school year as positive as possible for Jacob.

Sincerely

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