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March 11, 2016

Student: **Zoe B Lieberman**
Date of Birth: **2/8/2000**

To Whom it May Concern:

This is an addendum to the letter of March 7, 2016. Zoe was diagnosed with arthritis in October 2015 by Dr Victoria Cartwright. The severity of disease while Zoe was initiating treatment prevented her from fully participating in school for the fall term 2015. As of the most recent visit of 3/7/16 Zoe has improved and is now released to play softball. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Courtney Chun, RN
For Dr Victoria Cartwright

March 7, 2016

Zoe B Lieberman
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Dear Zoe:

This is to inform whom it may concern that you can play softball. You may need to have some breaks or rest time in case of joint pain or deconditioning from your underlying diagnosis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Victoria W Cartwright, MD MS
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Subject: FW: Zoë Lieberman
Attachments: zlieberman.doc

Attached is a note from Zoe's pediatric rheumatologist indicating that the severity of her Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis prevented her from fully participating in school during the fall semester. She began having symptoms in late August 2015, and was hospitalized in Samaritan Hospital and taken by ambulance to OHSU in Portland at the end of October 2015. She underwent a plethora of medical tests and was finally diagnosed and commenced treatment for JIA, which currently consists of monthly infusions which she tolerates well.

I would like to note that Zoe completed Honors International Literature, Honors International Studies, Art History (online), and continued her Geometry class while fighting a life-threatening condition. She also attended her German 2 class once she was released from her hospitalization, and stabilized a bit. Her commitment to her studies during this very difficult time was astounding. We could not have expected her to do more. In fact, many children less motivated might have done less.

During her illness, we were in constant communication with her teachers and the school. A 504 was crafted to protect Zoe's rights during this difficult time.

She is now back in school and taking a full academic load. Her classes consist of German 2, Honors International Literature, Honors International Studies, on-line Geometry, on-line Health, Independent Studies in Art, and Advanced Theatre. She is in good academic standing in all of her classes.

As I'm sure the school and Oregon School Activities Association is aware Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provides that: **"No otherwise qualified individual with handicaps in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of her or his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance...."**

Her rheumatologist, Dr. Victoria Cartwright has advised us that it is important that Zoe resume physical activities as part of her treatment for arthritis. Last year, Zoe was an active member of the JV softball team. We are looking forward to her continuing this activity. She has already submitted her forms, her physical is on file, her statement from her treating physician regarding why she could not have taken anymore classes than she did.

This is our statement. Quite frankly, I'm surprised that the school hasn't stepped forward to explain this situation. They have known about it from the outset.

Kindly grant her the hardship and allow her to participate in sports in accordance with her and her doctor's wishes.

Sincere Regards,

Kristin Olson Lieberman