

To whom it may concern,

On February 4th, 2016 around 3:30 p.m., I was in a car accident. I was getting onto the freeway on Webber st. in The Dalles, Oregon. As i was heading onto the on ramp, the other driver ran the stop sign and t-boned me. I was spun all the way around, bounded off the light pole and then was spun another 180 degrees the opposite direction. After the officer did his report and my mother and I exchanged insurance information with the other person, my mother took me to the ER because I was experiencing some neck pain. At the ER, they took x-rays of my neck to make sure nothing was broken or out of place. I was then diagnosed with a severe head concussion and severe whiplash. A few days later, I went to my normal doctor as a follow up. Since the head concussion was so severe, she recommended that I should miss the following week of school and return back on February 15th, 2016. Once I returned back to school, I was required to go only half days on school. I have been doing this since then and i have another follow up with my doctor on the 17th of March to see what will happen next. After having a head concussion for a month and a half, it has affected my school and school work by not having a stress free senior year to having to work extra hard to catch up on the work I have missed and to also make sure I don't get behind in my current classes. I have talked to my teachers already about my work and they have given me until the end of the school year to make everything up so I can still be on track to graduate on time with my class. Because of the accident and what I was diagnosed with, I had to miss the first two weeks of tennis practice. Missing some of the tennis season my senior year has been very heartbreaking. This is only my second year of playing tennis but I already love it as much as cross country. Tennis is a good way to help me stay in shape and to also make new friends. It's a good ways to keep me busy and active in school activities. We as a team as get very close so if one of us is struggling in a class, at least one other person with help them out so doing tennis and all the make up work will not be a problem because I know i have good people to help me.

Sincerely,

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