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Dear Oregon FFA,

First set down going into the second set we were pumped. After losing so much the year before we put in work all offseason to make a comeback. This year was our year, after finally putting together a team that could work together and had the experience we were headed to state. We were in serve receive the score was 11-13. I had just served and we lost the point in the rally. This season had started out rough for me because our setter had graduated and we didn't have anybody to fill the position. Being a captain and knowing the court my coach believed I was capable of putting in the work to succeed in that position. The opposing teams outside hitter hit the 6 spot and our libero dug it for a tight pass. I was late to release and made a lunging effort to not let the ball hit the floor. I set it up to our outside hitter and was prepared to make the kill. The pain was instant. I had blown out my knee.

I was certain because a year prior I had done the same thing to my left knee. "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." A John Wooden quote that I have on my mirror. Along with FFA sports took up the majority of my time. Getting that taken away yet again from injury was a very difficult problem to face. I am however very grateful for this. Weird right. I wasn't at first I promise you that is not how it started. As I mentioned I was a captain, and although I couldn't play my team was still very important to me. Watching the games from the bench I came to realize that I wasn't a leader because I was a star player, I was a leader because my team was my family and their needs were more important than mine. For the rest of the season, I spent my time building and supporting the family.

Oregon FFA I want to spend the next year building you up. We are all part of this organization. We are all part of this BLUE & GOLD FAMILY.

Sincerely,

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