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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter on behalf of Mountainside High School. I am the Athletic Director at Mountainside and have been since we opened the school in 2017. We have been blessed with an incredible facility and myself along with our coaching staff have enjoyed our time together and how fortunate we are to be a part of a beautiful school.

Our community has come together recently to improve our facilities even more by building a batting cage facility that will be two separate buildings one for baseball and one for softball. Both buildings will be identical. Not only will baseball and softball be able to have a batting cage like all the other 5 high schools in our district, but our PE program will also benefit from it as well.

The building structure will keep the same look and feel as the rest of our complex. It will be located between our varsity baseball and softball fields which is convenient for both programs. The batting cages will be a far distance from resident housing and in fact it will be a similar distance as Sunset High School, so no issues with neighbors.

By having access to a batting facility our players will be able to increase their ability to practice during bad weather days or even smokey days. The benefit of keeping balls within a net allows for quick pick up of balls and more time can be dedicated to practice rather than picking up balls all over a field which takes time. Being able to run an efficient practice like the other 5 high schools would keep us in line with the other schools.

I have been able to see our community work in a positive manner to make this project happen which is always fun to see as I was the AD at Southridge when the community raised funds to build their restrooms. To see a similar process for Mountainside is great for our community.

If I can be of any further help please contact me at (W) 503-356-3526 or (C) 971-404-6318.

Sincerely,

## Bryan Sorenson

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