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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to you in full support of building batting cages for the Mountainside baseball and softball communities present and in the future. My name is Jon Franco and my son Kai Franco is going to be a junior at Mountainside. Kai is my 2nd child to go through Mountainside.

Our family has lived in the Beaverton community for 25 years. I am also proud to say that I have been an educator for 24 years and have been involved in youth sports since my kids were in 1st grade. I proudly served as the principal of Westview High School and supervised all the high schools for several years in Beaverton. The Beaverton School District is an outstanding district with amazing high schools. Mountainside is the only Beaverton high school without these facilities.

There are several reasons that the batting cage is needed:

- We are the only Beaverton high school without a batting cage.
- The design is consistent with the school and other site buildings.
- The location is convenient and will sit directly between the SB/BB fields in the middle of the site and this location will minimize impact on neighbors.
- We will have improved access to practice and impacts related to weather.
- We are at a competitive disadvantage without these facilities.
- This year turf fields will be put in at Southridge, Aloha and Westview. Through the bond we are able to remedy the disadvantages these schools experienced without turf.

Please grant us the ability to put in the batting cage. We have secured funding commitments from the Beaverton School District and the Mountainside community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Proud Mountainside parent,
Jon Franco