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South Carolina High School League
Appellate Panel
P.O. Box 211575
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Dear members of the SC High School League Appellate Panel:

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Jensen and her appeal to the Appellate Panel.

Pursuant to SC Code Section 59-39-160, The State Board of Education may exercise the discretion outlined in Section C, to waive the 4-class requirement and grant a waiver. I urge the SC High School League to grant such a waiver, and to allow Elizabeth Jensen the opportunity to compete based on extraordinary circumstances. Please see Section C.

(C) The State Board of Education may grant a waiver of the requirements of this section.

(1) This waiver may be granted when a written statement from a school district superintendent and athletic director has been received stating circumstances, including, but not limited to:

(a) a student's ineligibility to participate in interscholastic activities is due to misinformation concerning eligibility requirements being provided by district personnel;

(b) a student's ineligibility to participate in interscholastic activities is due to a long term absence as a result of a medical condition, but the student has been medically cleared to participate by his health care practitioner; or

(c) any reasonable circumstance as determined by the State Board of Education.

(2) The State Board of Education shall establish guidelines to administer this section

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross".

Ross Turner
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