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Re: [REDACTED]

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my patient, [REDACTED] Mason Lee Summers [REDACTED] is a 3 year old little boy with a complex medical history including 34 week prematurity, 7p15 genetic deletion, conductive hearing loss, severe obstructive sleep apnea, micrognathia, laryngomalacia, subglottic stenosis, with complete cartilage rings in the right bronchus intermedius requiring tracheostomy and ventilator dependence.

Children with tracheostomies require constant monitoring by a trained caregiver at all times. [REDACTED] requires a nurse to be with him while at school because he is unable to appropriately clear his own secretions by coughing and requires suctioning through the trach tube to keep his airway patent. He also requires constant monitoring of his respiratory status for any changes or concerns. In the event of a medical emergency such as mucous plugging or decannulation, a nurse is able to perform emergency care which would otherwise lead to respiratory compromise and potential death. It is medically necessary for [REDACTED] to be in the presence of a nurse at all times while in school to prevent the occurrence of medical emergencies or to manage them appropriately should they occur.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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