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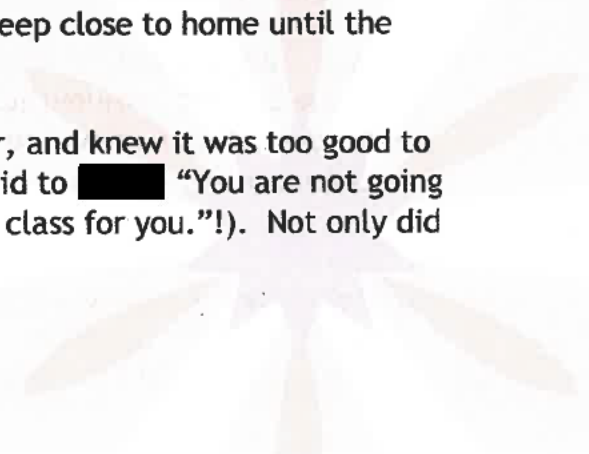
Dear Ms. Benedict:

This letter is to extend my sincerest gratitude to the McClure Foundation for the opportunity for Class of 2020 seniors to enroll in a CCV course. My daughter [REDACTED] graduated from [REDACTED] High School in June, and is currently enrolled in the *Principles of Animal Behaviors* class at the college.

[REDACTED] is my third of four children. Her journey has been quite different from her siblings, beginning on the day she was born. [REDACTED] was born with a liver disease that required her to have a liver transplant at the age of eight months. She has an extensive and, quite frankly, very impressive medical history. She has had many years of good health and occasional periods of poor health that require interventions and trips to see her team of specialists in New York City. As such, her educational path has not been easy, especially compared to her siblings, who do very well academically and who knew without question that college would be their next step after graduation.

[REDACTED] finished her senior year strong, easily shifting into remote learning when the pandemic found its way to Vermont. She has a passion for dogs, and so her plan was to seek employment at some kind of animal care facility. Needless to say, with the spread of covid-19 increasing, I was quite concerned about having [REDACTED] venture out into the world (she is high-risk due to the immunosuppression medications that she has to take every day). We decided it best for her to keep close to home until the world becomes a safer place for her to be.

We learned of the CCV opportunity early in the summer, and knew it was too good to pass up (our conversation went something like this: I said to [REDACTED] "You are not going to NOT take advantage of this opportunity. Let's find a class for you."!). Not only did



she find a class in which she is really interested, but it is also a class that she can participate in safely as it is conducted entirely online (shout out to CCV!).

█'s participation in this class has sparked her interest in pursuing a degree in veterinary technology, which is not something that she believed could be possible for herself several months ago. This opportunity has helped her see that she is capable of continuing her education; that she can work at her own pace and do well; and that it is possible for her to pursue her dream of working with animals.

Please know that the McClure Foundation has opened a door for at least one Vermont senior.....indeed, it has flung it wide open. With much appreciation and gratitude, I thank you.

Best-

