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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know of an opportunity that exists for you to support University of Regina student Jeremy Eckert, a world-class high jumper who is on the verge of qualifying for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Jeremy is a talented, dedicated and well-rounded young man who represents the best our University – and indeed, our province – has to offer. I would very much appreciate any financial or in-kind support you might be able to provide him as he works to represent Canada on the world's biggest athletic stage – the Olympics.

I have known Jeremy for the past several years in my capacity as President of the University of Regina. During that time, he has made a name for himself at our University and across Canada for his athletic accomplishments. He is a five-time gold medallist in high jump in the Canada West Conference, and is undefeated in those competitions. In addition, he is a two-time (and the reigning) CIS Canadian university high jump champion, and has represented Canada at both the World University Games in Russia and the Francophone Games in France. Jeremy was the first male University of Regina athlete ever to be named CIS field athlete of the year, and he holds numerous provincial high jump records as well as a Canada West championship record that had stood since 1979 until he broke it earlier this year.

Jeremy's academic accomplishments are equally impressive, because in the midst of a gruelling training and competition schedule, he has ensured that his studies have remained a priority. As a student in the Faculty of Business administration, he has maintained a grade point average of 81.13%, and has been named a three-time Academic All-Canadian as a result. He is on track to complete his Business Administration degree in December 2014, and earlier this month at the University of Regina Athletic Awards, he was named the recipient of the President's Award as the student-athlete who best combines excellence in academics and athletics at our University.

Jeremy is an intelligent and dedicated young man who I know has a bright future ahead of him in the world of business – something you will recognize immediately when you meet him. Right now, however, I believe he should be competing for Canada as an Olympic high jumper. He is only nine centimetres away from this once-in-a-lifetime goal, and with our help, he can achieve it and represent all of us with pride at the 2016 Olympics, just as he has done for the University of Regina over the past five years.

Should you require any further information about Jeremy, please feel free to contact me at (306) 585-4696. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vianne Timmons".

Dr. Vianne Timmons
President and Vice-Chancellor