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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Hailey Kerker, and I am a senior at Camas High School. As a dedicated member of the girls' tennis team and a lifelong player, I have personally experienced the challenges that come with playing tennis in the Pacific Northwest. I strongly believe that constructing an indoor tennis facility at Camas High School would not only benefit our school's tennis teams but also serve as a valuable resource for the entire community.

One of the biggest challenges our team faces is the unpredictable and often rainy weather, which frequently forces us to cancel practices and reschedule matches. Losing weeks of play due to rain disrupts our season, making it difficult for players to develop their skills and compete at their best. Additionally, constant rescheduling creates academic conflicts, as student-athletes must juggle makeup matches with schoolwork and other commitments. An indoor facility would provide a reliable space for training and competition, ensuring that players can continue to develop without interruption.

Beyond the school's tennis teams, this facility would offer significant benefits to the broader Camas community. Tennis is a lifelong sport that promotes physical activity, mental well-being, and social engagement. However, access to indoor courts in our area is extremely limited, making it difficult for players of all ages and skill

levels to practice year-round. As someone who is always searching for court time during the rainy season—essentially the majority of the year—I know firsthand how frustrating it can be to find a place to play. This facility would provide much-needed court availability, allowing community members to stay active and engaged in the sport regardless of the weather.

Investing in an indoor tennis center at Camas High School would have long-term positive impacts, not only for student-athletes but for families, recreational players, and the entire community. It would promote a healthier, more connected Camas by offering opportunities for exercise, competition, and social interaction throughout the year.

I urge you to consider the lasting benefits this project would bring to our school and community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Hailey Kerker