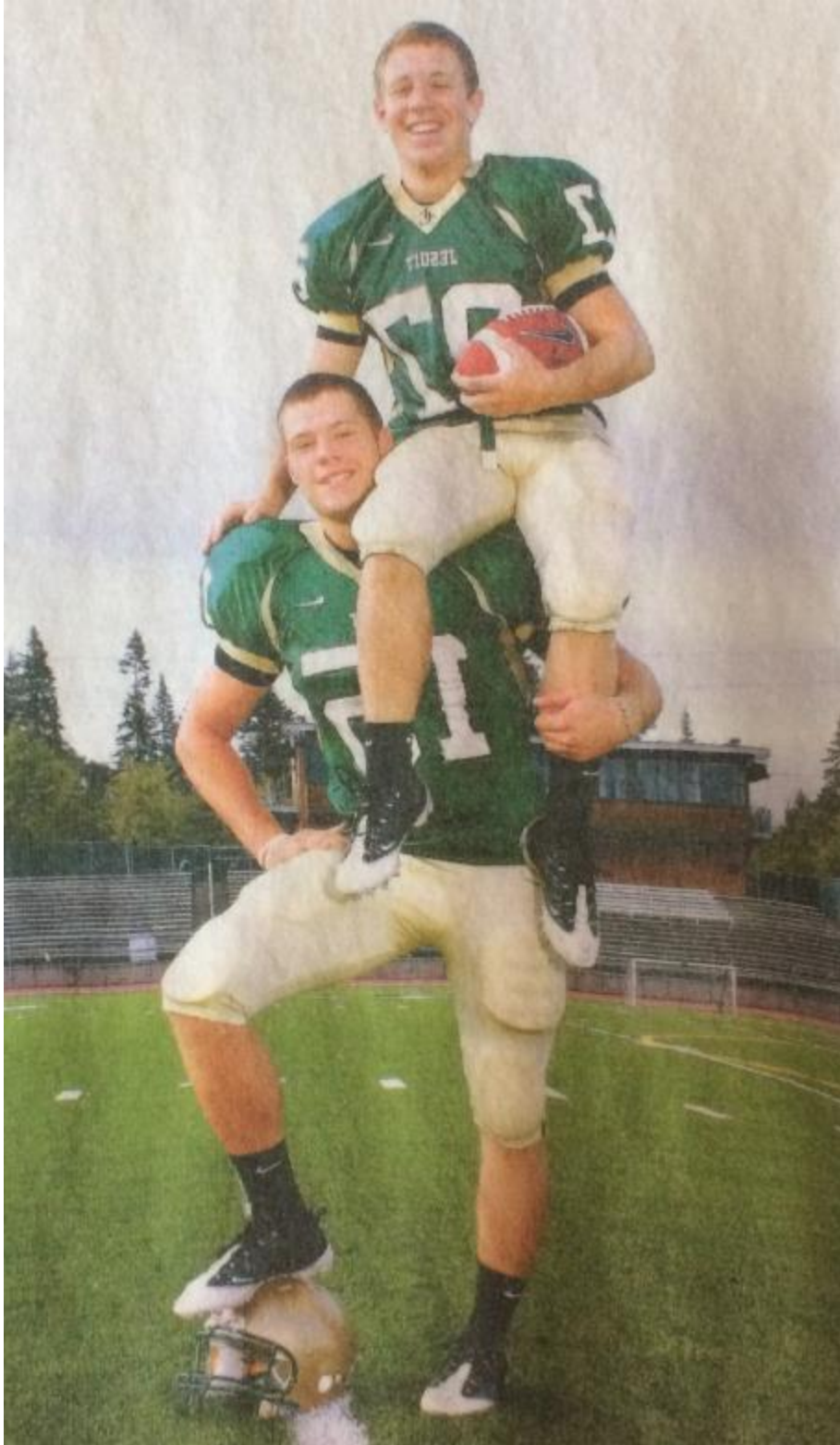


To whom it may concern,

I write this letter with a heavy heart, keeping the Martinek family in mind. This letter will express my support for House Bill 2797 "Taylor's Law". I speak to this situation knowing what a beautiful soul Taylor has. I attended 4 years of high school with Taylor, played rec basketball with him, and spent time with him on school retreats. He was one of my good friends. Taylor was a loyal friend, exceptional athlete, and a caring brother and son. His vision is 20/20 but Taylor was the person who brought people together and was a foundation for our community. We became men together. It saddens me to write this letter because I know that Taylor was destined for great things. His purpose and passion was centered around taking care of the people he loved. That is what Taylor is about.

We have a problem with Opioids, and it is not limited to the state of Oregon but it is nationwide. I work in professional sports and even at this level I see athletes struggle with addiction to these medications after surgeries. These pills are handled with little regard for their addictive properties. We allow 18 year old kids to take OxyContin but have laws restricting them from drinking alcohol. Pharmaceutical companies profit from the legalization and distribution of addictive painkillers. While I understand that there is no immediate solution for this problem I cannot help but express my disdain for this systematic flaw. I knew Taylor before and after the surgeries. Those pills took away the life of a man who was undoubtedly going to help this community. Taylor was on the right path toward recovery. We faceted around Christmas and I saw that smile that could lift any soul just a little bit. I saw my friend again.

Taylor and the Martinek family deserve justice. Our system is missing a critical law that can help put an end to the tragic death of what was destined to be a beautiful life. I support House Bill 2797 Taylor's Law. Let this tragic loss of ours be a legal precedent that can help prevent the future deaths of young members of our community. The men responsible for profiting off the death of our community members need to be held responsible. Taylor's Law will be a great legacy for a man who stood for helping others.



Very truly yours,

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