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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the Oregon Summer Star program and the incredible impact it has had on my three children. As a military family living in Oregon, where there is no military base, it can be challenging for my kids to find others who understand and share their experiences. This program has provided them with a sense of belonging, support, and connection that is truly invaluable.

Oregon Summer Star has given my children a space where they feel seen and understood. It has offered them friendships with peers who can relate to the unique challenges of military life, as well as opportunities to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of community. The program's staff and activities have helped them grow in ways that extend far beyond the summer, giving them cherished memories and lifelong skills.

I am deeply grateful for the dedication and hard work of everyone involved in making this program a success. Oregon Summer Star has made a significant difference in my children's lives, and I hope it continues to support military families like ours for years to come.

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