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Bill Shumard, President/CEO
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Dear Bill,

I have recently had the opportunity to review your new strategic sports plan for Special Olympics Southern California. I know your team put a lot of work into this collaborative process and had to make some tough choices. I believe that you now have a well thought out and relevant plan that is in compliance with the General Rules of Special Olympics.

I am also impressed with your commitment to engage youth as you move forward, to reach new potential athletes and Unified Partners for our movement. You should know that this same type of process is also going on with other Special Olympics State Programs around the United States. Special Olympics Incorporated strongly supports your plan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Gobrecht", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bob Gobrecht
Managing Director
Special Olympics North America