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Letter of support for the SFU Football Program

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I am writing to ask that you reconsider the cancellation of SFU's varsity football program. This decision impacts SFU students both within the football program and at large.

I am an SFU alumnus and worked as an equipment manager with the varsity teams for many years. Varsity sports provide many with the opportunity to access education. Football has been a major motivator for many student-athletes in their academic journeys, some of whom would not otherwise be able to afford university without athletic scholarships. Our SFU football team has been an integral part of our university and campus life since its inception in 1965.

The cancellation of a positive program severs tradition and reduces campus excitement. I urge you to consider the reinstatement proposal from Mark Bailey, President of SFU Football Alumni.

I understand that the Board of Governors has recently agreed to re-examine the status of the program. This is a positive step which I very much hope will lead to the reinstatement of our SFU football team.

Sincerely,

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