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To: Mayor
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Subject: Rippy Philipps Feild

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Dear Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees,

While I am sure that you have received countless letters from Rippy Philipps' previous and current football players, as well as many of the parents of said players, I would like to write to you in support of Rippy as a sibling of one of those players.

For my family, Rippy was more than a coach. My brother, Paul, started playing football for Rippy when he was 13 years old, only a few months after our father passed away. I was 2 years old when he passed, leaving my mom a single mother of five. As a toddler, I remember going to Crossway Field to watch Paul play, and continued to root him on as he captained the Scarsdale High School team and went on to play at Franklin & Marshall. Throughout all those years was one constant, an overly boisterous, yet gentle and kind man to welcome me with his booming voice and friendly smile. Rippy is kind. He is warm. He is everything that is good about not just a coach, but as a person.

As I grew up, even long after Paul left Scarsdale High, Rippy continued to care for me and my family. When my mom was unable to make it to my Scarsdale High School gymnastics meets, who was there? Rippy. When I was in need of guidance in picking out a college, who helped to organize admissions meetings? Rippy. Whenever he can lend a hand, Rippy gives two.

I was not Rippy's football player, but am honored to say that I too feel the love, support, and friendship that all of his players felt.

Rippy is truly one of a kind. He deserves every honor that comes his way. Especially this one.

Thank you for your time,

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