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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andrew Correa and I have been the Head Varsity Baseball Coach at Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii for the last 16 years. The Warriors are a private school located on the Big Island of Hawaii participating in the Big Island Interscholastic Federation. Kamehameha-Hawaii is also a member of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association. Since the schools first graduating class in 2006 the Warriors have won 10 BIIF championships and one HHSAA state title. It is during my time as head coach at Kamehameha-Hawaii that I have had the pleasure of coaching Jonah Reich. This letter is to serve as a recommendation on his behalf.

I've had the pleasure of working with Jonah for the past 3 years as his JV, Varsity and summer league coach. In total Jonah has played for me in 5 leagues over the course of 2 years. This does not include last year where all sports in Hawaii have been shut down since March of 2020. This shut down has meant that our athletes have had no contact with their high school coaches for the last 11 months. Because of shut downs in Hawaii Jonah's second varsity season was cut short after 7 games and his summer season was cancelled. To provide some perspective, the state of Hawaii has already cancelled Winter and Fall sports and is considering cancellation of Spring sports for this year meaning Jonah may lose his Junior year to cancellation as well. As of this writing KS Hawaii is one of only 2 schools on island (both private) allowing baseball activities to commence as of 2/16/21.

Despite the setbacks I feel very comfortable in recommending Jonah be considered at the next level based on what he has already displayed in his first 2 years in our baseball program. As a program that has several players currently in college programs of all levels and have had 4 players drafted by MLB in last 10 years including one current big leaguer. I feel confident in recommending Jonah for competition at the next level due to his character traits, his physical skill set and his will to succeed.

Jonah is as impressive an athlete as I have had the pleasure to work with in the last 31 years of coaching high school baseball. At 6'3" and 210 pounds he displays above average strength, speed and power. Jonah runs a 6.8 60 yard dash, his bat exit velocity is 96 mph and his mound velocity is 88 mph. These measurable were all taken over a year ago so we can project improvement with age and further development once we are allowed to get back to activities. Jonah would project as a pitcher and corner outfielder with plus arm and plus power. We were also trying to develop him as a corner infielder as well.

More impressive than physical tools is Jonah's personal traits and drive to be successful. Jonah lives 70 miles from school so he needs to get up at 4:30 am each morning to catch the bus to school from his home in Waimea. If he stays for athletics the bus does not leave for home until 6:20 pm so he usually gets to his front door at 8:30 pm then has to do it all over again the next day. While making these sacrifices Jonah maintains a 3.5 cumulative GPA and attends every practice and workout without complaint. He works hard, wants to be coached and is a joy to be around for teammates and coaches. He also has a loving supportive family who need to provide him transport home every Friday after practice, as there is no bus service on that day. They are great "baseball parents" who provide all the support he needs but do not interfere with coaches in his baseball development or position on the team.

As a high school baseball coach for 31 years I strongly recommend Jonah to any baseball program needing a quality person with the potential to become a tremendous baseball player. The pandemic may have delayed him reaching his full potential during his high school career but anyone who cares to look will find an athlete ready and willing to fully develop at the next level. In closing, please contact me if you would like to talk with me more about Jonah as a player or a person.

Mahalo,

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Jonah Reich  
Grad Class: 2022

Height: 6' 3"  
Weight: 210

Cum GPA: 3.5  
Arm velo: 88

Bat velo: 96  
60 time: 6.8