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Dear Members of the Flyin' Ryan Adventure Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Koiya Aadi, a passionate and determined individual whose unique qualities and dedication to Freeski make her a great candidate for an Adventure scholarship. I have had the pleasure of knowing Koiya for most of her freeski career not only in my capacity as head coach at SNSC, but beforehand when I was at Jay as well. I have witnessed firsthand her unwavering enthusiasm for both personal growth and being there for everyone else as well, whether they were a teammate or a competitor.

What sets Koiya apart is not only her love for skiing but also her selflessness and commitment to her teammates. A prime example of this occurred last year when Koiya gave up her spot for the Junior Freeride Championships so that her teammate, a senior, might have the opportunity to compete in her last year as a junior. This act of putting her teammate's needs ahead of her own speaks volumes about her character, demonstrating her strong sense of teamwork, humility, and dedication to supporting others. Koiya's willingness to make personal sacrifices for the good of her team reflects her maturity and her genuine commitment to the success of those around her.

In addition to her selflessness, Koiya has consistently shown her leadership abilities, particularly when it comes to bringing people together. She steps up to include everyone in the start gate or in the finish, where she fostered an environment of inclusivity and mutual respect, cheering for everyone around her. Her ability to inspire and motivate others makes her a valuable team player in any setting, and her peers look up to her as a source of strength and encouragement.

Koiya possesses an admirable work ethic and a keen sense of responsibility. Her academic excellence, paired with her dedication to extracurricular activities, shows that she knows how to balance the demands of school and adventure. She is on her high school Alpine team on top of taking on a full Freeski season. She is highly organized, thoughtful in her planning, and always follows through on her commitments, no matter the challenge. These qualities will undoubtedly contribute to her success in any endeavor she takes on.

I am confident that Koiya will be an excellent representative of the values upheld by the Flyin' Ryan Foundation. She embodies the spirit of adventure and the drive to better herself and her community. I strongly recommend Koiya Aadi for this scholarship and look forward to seeing the positive contributions she will continue to make in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of her application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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