

November, 2006

Dear _____ :

As part of the Pride of Paradise Valley marching band's drum line, I am seeking your support. Our band has a great opportunity to travel to Seattle, Washington, in April, 2007, to perform in a music festival and visit a part of the country that is so different than our desert. We will once again have a Winter Indoor Drum Line that competes in several shows in the spring and I am excited about being a part of that. Since the drum line is an extracurricular activity, I am responsible for the fee involved with the program.

The state of Arizona has a tax credit donation program that can help out both of us. Our trip to Seattle and the Winter Indoor Drum Line qualify for the tax credit program. People filing jointly can donate up to \$400 a year and people filing individually can donate up to \$200 a year to a student or program in a public school. Remember, this is a *credit* toward your state taxes and a way to help me have an educational opportunity I might not otherwise get to experience. It's a win-win situation for both of us!

This is my third year in band and I continue to love this experience. This summer I was able to attend a percussion camp in Tucson, the NAU music camp, and a leadership workshop. I also have the opportunity to be a part of a competitive community drum line. When I started band at PVHS I had no idea I would experience so much fun while learning leadership skills, music theory, and music performance.

If you are able to help me, please fill out the enclosed form and send it along with your check to PVHS Band, 3959 E. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85032. You no longer have to include your social security number on your check or the form. You can write your check for any amount you want up to the Tax Credit Limit. Be sure to indicate on your check and/or the form that you would like your donation to be placed in my student account.

Thank you very much for supporting me in the band program at Paradise Valley High School.

Sincerely,