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To whom it may concern,

I had the opportunity to coach with Donny Pennington in Neosho, MO at the high school level. Not only was he a great coach, but an even better mentor to the kids. He was a winning coach that his staff and the kids bought into. Donny was let go after a 19 win season in one of the best conferences in the state of Missouri and two top 10 finishes in State. Unfortunately, he was let go because of the small town politics. There was a school Superintendent's son that was a senior, but wasn't nearly as good as an underclassman. The underclassman played over him, which was not received well. In the last ten years since Coach Pennington has been gone we have had one winning season.

Donny changed the culture of baseball in Neosho. Started a youth program that he was very involved in. He started a board and let them run the business side of it and he ran the baseball side of it. My son got to benefit from this program, so I saw what it did for kids personally.

If you have any questions or would like to reach out to me, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

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