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Dear Jeff,

This letter is to address the subject of my temporary interruption of studies at Rasmussen College. I made the decision to withdraw from the winter 2006 term due to personal issues.

Taking school seriously, I debated whether to stay and simply try to work through my personal issues. Ultimately, I decided not to split my focus and to concentrate on resolving the issues facing me.

I have established an organized method for dealing with any upcoming personal issues. I now have a support system in place to maintain the progress achieved during this time.

Beyond those issues, however, was another significant area to consider how to commit to obtaining my associate's degree. Although I had very carefully researched the pros and cons of attaining a degree in my originally chosen career path and the opportunities that existed therein, I found that I could not find any real excitement for it. I examined that realization fully, which was part of taking the "Success Strategies" course. It became obvious that I needed additional time to clear my mind, and felt that I needed to take a step back to assess my chosen path.

I realized some important things about what I truly wished to do. I want to take the path that may not seem as certain, but for which I feel a passion that can extend to and frame a purpose for my studies. I have realized that I do have a real interest in the area of Crime Management, and that I can support my family doing things I love to do. When I resume studies in the spring, I would like to change my major area of study to Criminal Justice.

A more complete sense of purpose, improved personal organization and health strategies, and speaking at a sooner point in time to my Student Representative when issues do arise, should ensure that I will continue my course of studies toward the goal of completing my associate's degree.

I acknowledge Rasmussen's policy of one-time withdrawal and recognize that only in the most extreme circumstances would there be a possibility of another leave being granted.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this matter and for your assistance in the re-entry process.

Best regards,

Penelope Peoples

Why did you withdraw?

When did you withdraw?

How have you overcome your obstacles?

How does starting school again fit into your "big picture"?

What will keep you from withdrawing again?

Acknowledge Re-entry Policy