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Subject: Thank you
To: <sam@samdemma.com>

Hey Sam it's Anson from the zoom call! Now I know you're probably getting a lot of messages and you're a busy guy so I'm not expecting a reply but i did want to share something with you. I went through a similar experience to your soccer story. I played hockey and I like to think I was quite good, i played in a quadrant league being watched by scouts all over north america and actually led Alberta in goals one season. Anyway one game I got tripped and got a minor concussion, doctors told me to take 1-2 weeks off until I started to feel better. After about 10 days I was feeling good and wanted to get back on the ice... My first game back I got hit from behind sending me full speed head first into the boards, I was knocked unconscious and had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. To make it worse my mom was sitting right on the other side of the boards where I got hit. The doctors told me it would be too great a risk to keep playing...The thing that haunts me to this day is I was a month and a half away from getting drafted to an AHL team(Alberta Hockey League). My career was over before I got to make that next step and I was crushed entirely.

Now I'm sending you this email not for pity or to make it seem like i've been through the worst things possible. But just to let you know how much you inspire me and make me feel like I am capable of great things again. I haven't been able to feel that in years and for the first time in awhile i felt that spark in me that was there when i was playing hockey. This may sound weird but I see a lot of myself in you and that just gives me more motivation to go out and work towards the things I know I can achieve.

I'm thinking about getting into real estate, I take pride in my communication and conversational ability and think I could really start to build a fulfilling career in that field. But one of my biggest goals after my hockey career ended was to make youtube videos. I've never told anyone that youtube would be my dream job, my family doesn't really accept or see how that could be a viable job. But i'm gonna try and start soon and work my ass off so maybe this won't be the last you hear of me:)

Anyways sorry for the absolute bible of an email but I did want to share my story and personally thank you for making me feel like I am capable of amazing things. I haven't had that feeling in forever so it means a lot.

Thanks Sam

Best of luck to you, stay safe and healthy.

Anson