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RE: BENNETT, MICHAEL 46893564
DOB: 12/19/1991

To Whom It May Concern:

Michael is a recently graduated senior receiver for the University of Georgia who unfortunately had sustained a left knee ACL tear during our bowl game versus Louisville in December. He underwent ACL reconstruction using bone-tendon-bone autograft on January 6, 2015, and is now just over 5 months out from his reconstruction. He has had a remarkable postoperative course and has progressed actually as fast or faster than most of our usual athletes.

We purposely had not used a brace as he did not feel that it would help him and he did not have any collateral ligament injury either. His quad quickly returned much better than most with range of motion, swelling, etc., decreased quite well. He has regained all of his range of motion, has excellent stability, no effusion. Some mild tenderness in the inferior pole of his patella which is common with BTB grafts up to six months postop, but this has not affected his function as he is running all routes and performing all functional drills without limitations.

In short, I cannot find any reason to hold him back from a functional nor objective or clinical standpoint. The only reservation would be the theoretical reservation that all orthopedists have with pre six-month return to play. We have discussed this with Michael and I have no reason to doubt that he would be ready for all activities at summer camp. The only thing that he has not done as far as return to play is any contact.

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Our plan was to slowly progress him back to where he is ready for the NFL camps to be monitored by the training and medical staff there. If there are any questions about his case or any reservations about his return to play, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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