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Dear Mom and Dad,

Although you might not agree, I think that once a boy turns ten years old, he should be allowed to choose his own bedtime. There are several reasons why I think that I should be allowed to be the one to make this decision. *My first reason* is that I am the only one who knows when I am tired. *Secondly*, sometimes I have other things that I have to do before I go to sleep. *Lastly*, since I turned ten years old, I believe that I have earned the privilege of making more decisions in my life.

As I just mentioned, I am the only know who knows when I am tired. Sometimes I want to go to bed early because I am so tired. *Do you remember when I played soccer and I came home exhausted? I fell asleep in the car because I was so tired.* Many times I want to head to bed early. Other times, I am just not tired at the time you set for my bedtime. I try to fall asleep, but I just lie there and toss and turn. Sometimes I stay awake and read or look through my quarter collection, even when you think I am sleeping. *It just makes no sense to have someone else tell you when you're tired.*

Additionally, I often have things to do before I go to bed. I am the kind of kid who wants to make sure everything is ready for the next day. Of course, I need to get my homework done, but I also have other things that I need to do at night. I need to pack my backpack to make sure that I don't forget anything. Also, I never seem to have time in the morning to find what I want to wear. *I am always looking for my shoes or my cap or my glasses at the last minute*, and I have to hurry. *If I took the time to get myself ready at night, I wouldn't have to worry and rush so much in the morning.*

Last of all, I just turned ten and I think I am old enough to have more privileges. *Surprisingly*, this new privilege would actually help me become more responsible. I might make mistakes and stay up too late sometimes, but then I would learn how to use my time wisely. *I know that I can take on this privilege and show you that I can make decisions and manage my time well.*

Choosing my own bedtime is important to me because I am ready to become more responsible for making these decisions on my own. Remember, I am ten years old now, and I should be allowed to take on more privileges. I will show you that I can do this.

Your smart and mature son,
Adam