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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Kimberly Lauer's summer fellowship work. I have been very pleased to have two Equal Justice America summer fellows in our office this summer. Their work has been diligent and professional throughout the summer.

I have been the Clinic Director of the UDC Housing and Consumer Law Clinic for over 30 years. I supervised Kim while she was enrolled in the Clinic during the Spring semester and I was excited to have her continue her work through the summer. Kim has a passion for client representation and legal services litigation and problem solving.

Kim worked on a variety of housing cases, taking on new case responsibilities as requested, and assisting new students with their ongoing clinic cases. As a teaching assistant for our summer clinic program, she has been an invaluable resource to the other students and assisted our seminars by holding review sessions and answering student questions. Kim has been an indispensable coordinator of court dates and organizer of case responsibilities.

The housing\civil litigation clinic handles many cases that have lingered in ongoing litigation for years. Kim helped track court deadlines and upcoming hearings for cases both new and on appeal. She wrote an opposition motion to release funds from a protective order relating to a settlement agreement where the landlord had not completed agreed upon repairs. Her follow up and representation for the client defended his interests in correcting housing code violations even after a settlement had been achieved.

Kim also prepared for trial and negotiated a settlement agreement for a case she had worked on since February. By representing the client in two forums, Landlord-Tenant court and the Office of Administrative hearings, Kim was able to negotiate a generous settlement agreement. She was prepared for jury trial and reveled at the prospect.

In addition to assigned cases, Kim also assisted with other cases facing tight deadlines and heightened complexity. She wrote and filed a motion to conduct depositions by video conference as well as an opposition to a protective order where the communications

between parties had stagnated. She also drafted a portion of an appellate brief defending an order awarding attorney's fees to our clinic.

At all times, she worked extremely well with her colleagues and supervisors; she was energetic and demonstrated a "can-do" effectiveness.

Many thanks to the Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship program for making it possible to have such great support in our clinic.

Yours Truly,

Edward Allen