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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude for the support that EJA has given me over the last two years of my law school career. The continuing support of these fellowships has enabled me to work at the Chicago Legal Clinic continuously from my first summer in law school through now. In my time here, I have gone from knowing nothing about family law to handling cases from intake through judgment. This has involved drafting pleadings, filing motions, meeting with opposing counsel, working on settlement agreements, and conducting hearings.

I have also become very well educated on Illinois' laws regarding sealing and expungement, through working with my supervisor, who in fact worked on drafting the Illinois sealing statute. I have researched rap sheets, filed petitions, and conducted hearings for my clients. In addition, I have worked on several clemency petitions for ex-offenders during my time here.

Just as importantly, my work here has shown me how much difference a little legal guidance and representation can make to someone who is truly overwhelmed and unable to afford a private attorney.

I am happy to say that I have in fact accepted a position as a staff attorney at the Chicago Legal Clinic starting in October of this year, where I can continue the work I have been doing for the last two years. EJA has given me the opportunity to develop the skills and experience that I will need as a public interest attorney, and I am thankful that I have the privilege of working in a job that I enjoy and where I know I can make a difference in the community.

Sincerely,
Douglas Wilber
University of Chicago