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Dear Dan Ruben,

My summer fellowship experience was a great opportunity to gain exposure to the field of public interest work. I spent the summer working with Queens Legal Services of the Legal Services NYC organization. Over the course of the summer I was able to contribute to Queens Legal Services Fair Housing and Student Debt Projects. I worked closely with attorneys doing work related to the NYC Human Rights Law, foreclosure, bankruptcy, and the various methods of discharging or enrolling in repayment plans for student debt.

Much of my work involved research and writing, but the most rewarding part was the opportunity to meet with clients, and try to help them out with the very real issues in their lives. Additionally, I had the opportunity to meet many individuals working for the NYC Commission for Human Rights and see the work that they do. For example, I was able to help several clients with applying for income contingent repayment plans for their student debt, which brought their monthly payments down to as low as \$0 per month, alleviating them of a huge financial strain. Although we were not able to help everyone that we met with, being able to help people through my legal education was something that was incredibly rewarding.

In addition to my work in fair housing, and student debt, I attended lunch and learn sessions at Queens Legal Services. These informational sessions taught me about the work being done by the other groups within Queens Legal Services and Legal Services NYC. Something that I especially found rewarding was learning about immigration law and how incredibly difficult it is to immigrate into the United States for many, and the difficulties that many refugees face in getting recognized by the government.

I greatly enjoyed my summer, and it was an incredibly rewarding opportunity. Thank you and Equal Justice America for making my internship possible!

Sincerely,
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