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Dan Ruben  
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Equal Justice America  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to provide an evaluation of the performance and contributions of Will Hamilton, who was a recipient of an Equal Justice America fellowship this summer, in his work as a summer legal intern for the DC Prisoners' Project. Will was very interested in working with the Project, which was demonstrated in his strong interest and enthusiasm while he was here. Will capably handled intake on a number of letters from prisoners, as most of our summer interns do.

In addition, Will spent most of his time on a special project reviewing prisoners' records and parole files to help research and formulate a possible legal challenge to United States Parole Commission (USPC) actions in a series of parole decisions. Will was responsible for analyzing and tracking the results of hearing examiner recommendations and USPC decisions, helping identify potential plaintiffs from within 50-plus prisoners who had applied for parole, and drafting letters to these and other prisoners on parole and related issues.

Although he had not previously performed work on parole issues, Will quickly learned the issues and background, and performed his work in a timely and effective manner. His contributions to the project were very important and much appreciated.

I hope this letter will be helpful. Please let me know if you need any other information. We wish you the best.

Sincerely,

Deborah Golden  
Director, DC Prisoners' Rights Project