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Dan Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

First, I wish to thank Equal Justice America fellowship committee for selecting me for a summer fellowship. Your generous support allowed me to intern full-time with the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Chicago's Domestic Violence Project. The Domestic Violence Project provides legal services to low-income clients suffering various forms of domestic abuse. As a 711 Senior Law Student, I was able to represent clients in the Domestic Division and the Domestic Violence Courts.

My summer internship with the Legal Aid Society was an amazing experience. While working under the supervision of an attorney, I was able to advocate on behalf of clients regarding divorce proceedings, orders of protection, and supervised visitation. Survivors of domestic violence may endure years or even decades of physical, emotional, verbal, mental, and financial abuse. Therefore, many of our clients have multiple barriers to securing legal representation. The primary goal of the Domestic Violence Project is to assist clients with terminating abusive relationships via the judicial system. Finally, helping clients secure child support, maintenance, and an equitable distribution of marital assets will hopefully allow clients to become and remain independent.

Again, thank you for all of your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

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