Dan Ruben, Executive Director Equal Justice America Building II-Suite 204 13540 East Boundary Road Midlothian, VA 23112

Dear Mr. Ruben,

My experience at Greater Boston Legal Services was very rewarding. I learned a lot about welfare law and about homelessness. I was really surprised to learn that there were so many homeless young single mothers and families — I had always pictured middle-aged males when I thought about homelessness. At GBLS, I became more aware of and sympathetic to the obstacles many recipients of public benefits face, and realized that many recipients wanted to work and get off of benefits. I am very thankful to have learned so much and have my eyes opened to all of these things.

Aside from learning a lot about welfare law and its recipients, I saw how important legal services are to this segment of the population. Welfare workers often make mistakes and our clients suffer the consequences because they don't know their rights. If it weren't for organizations like GBLS, many of our clients would lose assistance that they desperately need and are entitled to. The highlights of my internship at GBLS were definitely those times when I corrected a mistake done by a welfare worked, and was able to get a client's benefits reinstated or increased. I respect the work done at GBLS and am very happy to have been a part of such an organization this summer.

Sincerely,

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