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Dan Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

My name is Briana Green and I am a second year student at the University of Michigan Law School. This past summer, with the help of an Equal Justice America Fellowship, I was able to work as an intern at Michigan Indian Legal Services in Traverse City, MI. While there, I had incredible opportunities to do substantive legal writing for a case on appeal in a tribal court, have meaningful interactions with clients, and learn more about the Indian law field. Furthermore, I conducted archival research, worked on a tribal housing law treatise, and updated the MILS Tribal law library.

This summer I was able to directly impact the lives of a number of clients. I played a lead role in informing a client about the membership application procedures and requirements of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Over the course of the summer, we discussed her connection to the tribe and her family history. By learning more about her life and communicating directly with the tribe, I was able to inform her of the path to tribal membership in order for her and future generations of her family to become tribal members.

In addition, I communicated with an incarcerated individual with significant mental disabilities about his questions regarding his daughter's alleged adoption. I helped him determine how to contact his proper legal representation, answered his questions regarding child support payments, and uncovered facts that will allow him to petition for his parental rights upon his release from jail.

Without the Equal Justice America Fellowship, I would not have been able to pursue this opportunity. I thank you sincerely for your support in my pursuit of a career in Indian law. I will encourage others to apply for this opportunity in the future.

Sincerely,

Briana Green  
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