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To whom it may concern:

First, thank you for providing me with an Equal Justice America Summer 2012 Fellowship. By granting me this fellowship, you have made it easier for me to pursue my goal of promoting equitable development in fields at the intersection of law and planning: namely, land use and natural resource development. This summer, I worked as a Legal Intern in the Community Development Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C. Given that I accept significant financial aid to attend law school, the Equal Justice America Fellowship was important because it allowed me to accept the unpaid internship and move to Washington, D.C. for the summer.

My work on the Community Development Project was incredibly interesting and rewarding, in large part because the internship provided me with the opportunity to not only learn about topics in my field but also to meaningfully engage with clients and colleagues. While I worked on many different projects, there were several assignments that stood out. To begin, I assisted clients such as advocates and housing coalitions groups in their efforts to address impediments to fair housing in the City of New Orleans. To do so, I researched impediments to fair housing, nationally and in New Orleans, and analyzed Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data pertaining to loan denials and interest rates. After compiling this and other colleagues' work, I was able to present this information to a working group in New Orleans that included, among others, the City and housing advocates. In addition, I was given responsibility by my supervisors to research national best practices in the federally required Consolidated Plans and draft a memorandum and appendix on my research. After completing this work, I was once

again able to present my findings to a working group. Last, I wrote part of the introduction to an ABA book that will be published next year. To write my section, I interviewed an expert in the field and conducted my own research on source of income discrimination, exclusionary zoning, and examples in the Gulf Coast region. In addition to these large projects, I engaged in activities that were new and helpful to my legal career, including reviewing contracts, drafting approval memorandum, presenting bylaws to potential tenants of public housing, and researching and writing several other memorandum. Overall, the work given to me was challenging but incredibly rewarding.

The work at the Lawyers' Committee supported my short-term goal, which is to further my understanding of the problems in housing and development faced by low-income communities. The work also supported my long-term goal, which is to ensure sustainable planning and development in land use and energy, because I am learning about inequitable practices in the field of development. I believe sustainable planning of United States communities will require understanding, dedication and innovation, the same qualities I am bringing Lawyers' Committee and will bring to my future work in public interest organizations.