

Mr. Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

Thank you very much for your generous support this summer which allowed me the opportunity to work for Migrant Legal Action Program (“MLAP”).

Having lived close to migrant workers in the past, I was somewhat familiar with the hardships they face, but my work this summer elucidated the extent to which our laws do not sufficiently protect this vulnerable population. Further, I discovered that the wrongful application of certain local education laws hampers the ability of migrant children to access public schools with ease.

My main responsibility this summer was to research various state and local laws regarding education, focusing especially on enrollment requirements for kindergarten, ESL programs, and funding for both migrant education and ESL programs. I assembled this research into memoranda for the director to be used at education conferences around the country. I also did significant research on Maryland state laws regarding whether tuition may be charged to students coming into the district solely for the purpose of attending school and wrote a memorandum on my findings. This was done in response to an inquiry by a Maryland education administrator.

Finally, my fellow intern and I tracked changes in the proposed immigration, education, and farm bills that Congress was working on this summer and looked for passages in all three that would negatively impact migrant workers or immigrants. Because the proposed education bill had changed reporting requirements for migrant children, MLAP, in conjunction with several other organizations, drafted a letter to the House of Representatives education committee expressing concern over the changes.

Tracking the legislation process was enlightening because it demonstrated the intersection between the laws that are passed and how they impact our daily lives, especially the lives of the population MLAP strives to protect. It was exciting to be part of a group that is actively involved in helping shape public policy, and I learned a lot about the legislative process.

Finally, I developed much more confidence in my legal writing abilities this summer after composing numerous memoranda. The immediate feedback I received on my writing

incredibly beneficial in helping refine my writing skills. And because I had never been exposed to public interest work previously, this summer opened my eyes to the great scope of work done by public interest groups and their immense contribution to society.

Thank you again for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
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