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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am writing to thank you and your entire organization, Equal Justice America, for providing me with the financial support to complete my summer internship at Advocates for Children of New York as a law student at New York University School of Law.

I had a fantastic experience at Advocates for Children. One experience in particular stands out for me. I was assigned to work with a young woman whose life had been thrown into disarray over the past year. Her older sister had become crippled when a building collapsed with her inside of it. Without medical insurance, her family became swamped in medical bills, was evicted from their home, and was forced to move into a homeless shelter in the Bronx. As a result, my client's school attendance over the past year sharply declined. By the end of the year, she had not passed any of her classes. The turmoil of her home life and two-hour commute from the Bronx to her school in Brooklyn ruined any chance she had at being promoted to the next grade. When I met her, she was looking for alternatives to school so that she could graduate on time. In person, she was extremely closed off, barely able to make eye contact let alone carry a conversation.

Over the course of the summer, I was able to get to know this remarkably resilient young woman as I helped her to apply to transfer schools in the city. I helped her fill out school applications, thought through potential career options, and coached her on interviews. With solid applications and my letter of recommendation, she was able to secure interviews at a few quality transfer schools. I have high hopes for her as she moves into the next school year with new options and a renewed commitment to see her education through.

Equal Justice America, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve these young men and women this summer. Your fellowship gave me the ability to focus on the needs of my students instead of my own finances. In this way, EJA does a great service to both the law students it funds and the clients we serve.

Sincerely,

William A. Price

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