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Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to follow-up on and provide a summary of my experience this summer as an Equal Justice America Fellow.

At the outset, I'd like to note that my fellowship actually allowed me to extend a spring 2017 internship that I had recently completed at Greater Boston Legal Services in May. Equal Justice America's assistance, in this way, allowed me to continue working with various clients and on a number of cases and projects that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to see to completion.

Greater Boston Legal Services is dedicated to assisting low-income, underprivileged clients. The Family Law Unit, where I worked, in particular, focuses primarily on helping survivors of domestic violence navigate divorce and other family law related proceedings.

The clients I worked with were various and, though sometimes dealing with similar family law issues, extremely unique. Many, though not all, were non-citizens attempting, in addition to their divorce or custody proceedings, to navigate complicated immigration issues. Some, additionally, faced ongoing mental health issues, poverty restraints, and, of course, anxiety as survivors of domestic abuse.

My tasks at Greater Boston Legal Services included, among other things, drafting motions, filing pleadings, managing intakes, and performing in-person interviews with clients. This last, I think, in-person meetings, was by far the most important and meaningful aspect of my experience at Greater Boston Legal Services, not just because it allowed me to develop a skillset which, to be candid, has never been my strong suit, but also because I found truly inspiring most if not all of the clients I was able to work and meet with.

My experience this summer as an Equal Justice America Fellow at Greater Boston Legal Services was, overall, very fulfilling. And I'm extremely grateful that Equal Justice America's

assistance allowed me to extend my time with Greater Boston Legal Services, as that added time allowed me to benefit even more from an already great experience. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

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