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VIA MAIL

Mr. Dan Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to extend my gratitude for you and your agency, Equal Justice America, for funding the Disability Rights Clinic at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. I have learned so much from my time and experiences here in the Disability Rights Clinic about being a lawyer for persons with disabilities and about being an ally to the disabled community.

I found my time in the Disability Rights Clinic to be informative. There were many aspects of the law that I knew existed but I did not have a specific knowledge of how they worked. For example, I had only heard about guardianships but I did not know how the court process worked or how someone would attempt to be appointed guardian. Working on two guardianship cases this semester enabled me to research this area of disability law and to learn about something I had never encountered before. I am grateful that I got to learn about that area of the law in the clinic.

I also am glad that I got to learn about some small things that would not have made a difference for me, an able-bodied person, but made huge differences for the disabled community. For example, we discussed the movement to change the disabled logo that is used on handicapped parking spots from someone merely sitting in the wheelchair to the graphic of someone who is actively using the wheelchair. This is a huge difference for the disabled community, as it shows that they are more than just persons sitting in wheelchairs, they are active participants in the world and society. The move to change that logo was a small gesture that recognizes their struggle. I'm glad I was able to learn about this movement and I have begun to notice the new logos in parking lots throughout my community, such as at the grocery store or at restaurants.

I am so glad that I got to work as a student intern in the Disability Rights Clinic this semester and I am grateful that you and your agency have continued to fund the clinic that helps disabled and elderly clients who so richly deserve this assistance.

Sincerely,



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