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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My name is Rubi-Dee Cooper. I write this letter as a student at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law who has completed the fall semester in the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic. This clinic has provided me with more than I could have asked for. For that, I say thank you. Everything, from the guidance of Professor Angley to confronting the issues of our clients has been a rewarding experience for me.

In this semester alone, I have been reminded that there are so many skills required to be an effective lawyer. I have also been faced with the reality that cases take time and tend to not always go according to plan, regardless of one's preparation. In response to these realities, I have forced myself to always consider my client's needs. This has prompted me to become flexible when responding to issues and to see the bigger picture. Now, more than ever, I have come to understand that my ability to listen, inquire, and effectively respond to a client's concerns affects their overall wellbeing. Being responsible for a caseload has forced me to improve my time management, speak with more confidence, and successfully complete the behind the scenes work of lawyering. To have gained such valuable experience prior to graduation makes me feel more capable than ever.

In all, the new insight that I have received from the seminar, meeting with my professor, speaking with clients, and advocating for them through my work has broadened my understanding of what it means to be an attorney and counselor at law. I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

Truly,

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