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Update 1:

I am working with the ACLU-MN this summer, made possible by an Equal Justice America Fellowship. Please consider donating to help support EJA in continuing to be able to fund public interest law students like me!

Update 2:

Got to table with the ACLU MN at Twin Cities Pride this weekend and so grateful to get to work with this incredible org! Thanks to Equal Justice America for the funding to allow me to pursue this opportunity!

Update 3:

I am already more than halfway through my summer with the ACLU-MN! Please consider donating so that others can have this incredible opportunity!

Update 4:

Almost done for the summer at ACLU-MN – so grateful for everything that I have learned! Thanks to Equal Justice America for allowing me to pursue this opportunity! Please consider donating to allow other public interest law students to have incredible opportunities like this!

Final Reflection:

Since I spent last summer at Mid Minnesota Legal Aid, this was my first summer getting to experience what legal research and impact litigation is all about. Knowing that a law is being violated but not being able to figure out how to find standing is about one of the most frustrating things imaginable. I confronted this firsthand when I was asked to research if taxpayer standing provided a sufficient hook to sue for misuse of ALPR cameras. Week after



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week, case after case, I became more and more frustrated. Sometimes, I learned, a law is being broken but there doesn't yet exist a good legal mechanism to enforce it. But that is one of great things about the ACLU, when there isn't a legal solution, there is often a policy one.

I also got to work on an FTCA complaint for an individual who had been wronged during operation metro surge. Understanding what he had been through and helping him to seek justice was one of the greatest honors I could ask for. I learned a lot about how to use one's writers voice as both a storyteller and a lawyer.

Overall, this summer I learned how important it is to surround yourself with incredible people. The hard days get easier when the people fighting with you have your back in every sense. I was fortunate to have a phenomenal intern cohort at the ACLU of Minnesota, and I can't wait to see what each and every one of my fellow interns accomplishes in their lifetime. I have met a core group of people who I know will fight for what is right and I know that by staying in touch we will all make each other and the world better. Thank you to EJA for allowing me the opportunity to meet these incredible humans.