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Final Reflection:

My name is Ariana Guerrero, and I am a third-year student at the University of Texas School of Law, passionate about defending the rights of vulnerable migrant populations. I want to personally thank you, and Equal Justice America (EJA) for helping me advocate for these communities through my summer internship at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Over the course of ten weeks, I interned with the ACLU's National Political Advocacy Department (NPAD) in their immigration team, working on federal policy and government affairs. As an NPAD intern, I applied my direct service expertise within a broader public interest space. I drafted a memorandum proposing the most effective sanctuary policy enforcement mechanisms, drawing the strongest, most "bite-driven" language from existing state and local laws. The ACLU shared this memo with trusted state affiliates, policy experts, and nationwide justice coalitions, aiming to unify consequences for actors violating sanctuary legislation. In states like Texas, willingly turning in our migrant neighbors; the memo proposes legislation with accountability mechanisms against warrantless arrests. In addition, I served as a lobby captain, as the ACLU hosted its largest lobby day in history in late July 2026, bringing over 1,000 students and activists to Capitol Hill to push for the passage of the American Dream and Promise Act.

None of this macro-level work would be possible without the client-centered insight I have built in different migrant spaces, including my border region, LA, DC, and now NYC. Moving forward, I aim to continue representing the most vulnerable, low-income, migrant populations, humanizing their stories while continuously voicing their needs in the larger, racial justice fight through litigation and policy advocacy initiatives. Working at the ACLU has motivated me, now



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more than ever, to keep fighting for our migrant friends and families. After graduation I hope to secure fellowship funding to work in a direct services non-profit organization providing legal representation for migrants, especially youth who have been unlawfully detained.

Once again, thank you so much for all your continuous support. I wish you and the entire EJA team the best of luck as you continue to support public interest students, fighting the good fight. Please let me know if you ever need anything else from me. Thank you.