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Dear Mr. Ruben,

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic at John Jay Legal Services, Inc. this semester. Our names are Trent Crespo, a 3L full-time student, and Brooke Burschlag, a 4L Flex student at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. We are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to participate in a program that allowed us to develop practical skills while contributing to meaningful legal work.

During our time in the clinic, we had the opportunity to interview many clients and conduct research in connection with the potential preparation of wills and 17A petitions. Although our cases were challenging and not as fulfilling as we hoped, we still learned how to work with different types of clients. Speaking directly with the clients and learning how to identify their needs provided valuable insight into the meaningful work done by the Disability Rights Clinic. Being able to walk clients through their circumstances and being able to counsel them effectively was a skill that we developed through our participation in this clinic. These experiences helped us better understand how legal services can directly impact individuals throughout our community.

We also especially enjoyed completing the mock assignments as part of the classroom component of the clinic. These exercises allowed us to practice and refine essential lawyering skills. Although we both have prior experience working in the legal field, the clinic introduced a different approach to legal practice than we have not previously encountered. The simulations also allowed us to come into our own and helped our development as future lawyers. The clinic is helping us establish what our professional identities will be. The combination of practical exercises and client interaction made this experience both engaging and rewarding. We will apply the skills we have learned from Professor Angley and our classmates into our careers after we both graduate next month.

Participating in this clinic has strengthened our confidence and reinforced the importance of compassionate, client-focused advocacy. We have both learned immensely through this


experience and will become better lawyers because of this extraordinary clinic. Throughout the clinic, we developed a stronger appreciation for the importance of empathy and respect. Being able to understand the tough positions each of our clients faced and understanding the depth of their feelings as they tackle their legal problems is such an invaluable skill.

Thank you again for your commitment to programs that prepare law students to serve their communities with professionalism and care.

Sincerely,



Brooke Burschlag
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cc: Patricia Angley, Supervising Attorney