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Mr. Dan Ruben,
Executive Director at Equal Justice America

Dear Dan Ruben,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the support Equal Justice America offered me last summer. I was a rising 3L at Cornell Law School with the inclination of working at a public interest organization after graduation. Last summer, I wanted to experience what it would be like to work in a public interest organization while using the skills and knowledge I learned in law school to help indigent members of our society. This is why I choose Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A. With the support of Equal Justice America, I can confidently say that my summer experience was worthwhile.

I was assigned to the Foreclosure department of Brooklyn Legal Services. Most of the cases we handle involve insolvent clients who are facing foreclosure of their homes. We do our best to negotiate with banks for a modification of the loans and save their homes. We also occasionally assist clients in bankruptcy proceedings. As an intern, my work consists mostly of researching and drafting memorandum of law, motions, and interrogatories. I also participated in client interviews and spectated in Bankruptcy court proceedings. The clients I worked with this summer mostly share a similar story. They took out a mortgage when they bought their home, but became unable to meet their monthly obligations. The bank who own the mortgage then bring a foreclosure action in court and we try to negotiate with the bank for a modification. What I enjoyed most out of internship was that many of the clients I work with eventually obtained a

modification and were able to keep living in the same home that they owned for many years. It was very rewarding to see that the work I did made a tangible difference in these people's lives.

After this internship experience, I am committed to serve the most indigent members of our society. I thank Equal Justice America again for the support you offered me last summer.

Respectfully,

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