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Dear Mr. Reuben:

This summer was quite a challenging, informative and rewarding experience. Although the beginning of the summer was filled with much doubt and uncertainty, by the end of my time in the Housing Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, I could tell that I had learned much, and had grown fairly comfortable within the working environment.

My growth in skills mainly came through direct contact with many of the clients. My first encounter with a client came on the very first day, which was a bit of a shock for me, as I felt that meeting with clients would be something that I would be doing later on, and not the first day. One particularly great aspect of my time spent at GBLS was the progression I saw in myself starting from my first interview with a client and comparing that to my last interview. During my first interview, I was nervous and felt that I had little clue as to what I was doing, but as the summer went on and I continued meeting with clients and talking with them on the phone, the whole process became so much more natural. By the time I was to go in to what would be my final client interview for the summer, I felt quite at ease and much more confident.

Additionally, two highly rewarding experiences came with two clients: the first involved getting a landlord to make repairs to the client's unit so that the client could obtain a housing assistance voucher, the second was a situation where the landlords had agreed to make certain repairs and reasonable accommodations for a handicapped tenant. In both of these cases (which I was involved with early on during the summer) the landlords were, at first, reluctant and even hostile to the idea of making the repairs. However, through much negotiating with the landlord and/or the opposing attorney, we were finally able to get many of the repairs done. By the time I left my internship at the end of the summer, the first client had all the repairs done and was close to getting a voucher, and with the second client, almost all the repairs and accommodations had been finished.

I feel that these two cases were important to my summer work not only in terms of my gaining experience in doing legal work, but also in showing me the true fruit that was made possible (in part) by my labor. Due to cases like these, I was able to see the real

world impact that comes with working for the public interest and the value of this type of work.

Thank you to EJA for allowing me to be a part of this fellowship this summer. I hope that this is just the beginning of an exciting journey ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clyde Choi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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