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Dear Equal Justice America,

I am writing at the end of my legal internship this August at Legal Services for Children in San Francisco, CA. I have had an amazing learning experience and could not have done it without your support! At Legal Services for Children, I have been able to work on juvenile dependency, guardianship, emancipation, immigration and school discipline issues. As part of an interdisciplinary team of social workers and attorneys, I participated with all aspects of client representation: including client interviews, legal research and writing, drafting of declarations and other pleadings.

One of the most memorable experiences at LSC was our resume and interview workshop for our teenage clients. At the workshop, we were able to assist teens in creating a resume and developing interview skills so that they could be prepared to initiate a successful job search after high school. Many of our clients have not been exposed to these kinds of skills and it was very rewarding to know that they have the opportunity to develop these essential tools to help them enter the workforce and realize their potential!

Given the financial hardships of law school and living in San Francisco, I was not going to be able to accept this unpaid internship. Receiving a fellowship from Equal Justice for America made it possible!

Thank you for your commitment to serving children and families,

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