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Mr. Daniel Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

Reflecting on the work I did as part of my Equal Justice America Fellowship at the Poverty and Race Research Action Council, I know that my commitment to pursuing a career dedicated to public interested is stronger than ever. The skills and knowledge I acquired have certainly improved my ability to advocate for people's civil rights, particularly for those who are often marginalized, which was my main goal for this summer.

Specifically, I was able to work on two projects that were particularly edifying and inspiring. As a former teacher who is dismayed at how segregated the current education system is - my classroom was certainly no exception - I was excited to be able to research and write about cities who are effectively promoting education policies that encourage racial and economic integration to provide models for those cities that do not. Furthermore, analyzing current laws about charter schools throughout the country to better understand how to promote integrated charter schools will make an important difference to the increased numbers of children - many who are low-income students of color -- who are attending these kinds of schools.

Furthermore, providing research for a project to promote participation in interscholastic athletics for girls of color not only had personal meaning for me but also bolstered my understanding of important laws, specifically Title VI and Title IX. As a high school athlete and later a baseball and softball coach, I have witnessed first hand the difference athletic opportunities can make in children's lives, and I was excited to work on a project that would expand access to these opportunities for all children.

The Poverty and Race Research Action Council emphasizes the importance of fighting racial injustice and economic inequality. The tools I acquired and legal

information I learned have prepared me to continue to advocate for social justice. The connections I made to the lawyers in my office and the broader public interest legal community in Washington D.C. will be extremely valuable as I try to further contribute to making this city and this country more just.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on our experience hosting an Equal Justice intern, Elizabeth Vogel, this past summer. Elizabeth was a valuable addition to PRRAC during the months she spent with us. She worked primarily under the direct supervision of our Executive Director, Philip Tegeler, as well as under my general supervision of our office legal internship program.

As a summer legal intern, Lizzy worked on projects that included the development of detailed legal and policy analysis of federal and state education programs; analysis of data supporting legal and policy arguments; supporting for legislative and regulatory advocacy; legal research on fair housing laws; and support for PRRAC's coalition work with other civil rights organizations (including the National Coalition on School Diversity, [www.school-diversity.org](http://www.school-diversity.org)). Specifically, she made substantial contributions to our work across a variety of projects, including the following:

- Analysis of State Charter School laws and inter-district recruitment
- Analysis of the funding structures of Milwaukee's school integration plan, Ch. 220
- Analysis of data about Magnet Schools/ school integration in Hartford
- Title IV/ Title IX memo involving girls of color participating in interscholastic sports
- Compiled meeting notes for meeting with ED about integrated early education
- Analysis of the historic mandate of integrated schools in the legislative history of the Dep't of Ed
- Updating Source of Income Resource (fair housing law)
- Memo about updated waivers from the Department of Education
- Summary of Brookings event about immigration policies in suburbs and small cities

Lizzy completed all assignments efficiently and thoroughly. She consistently demonstrated reliable research skills, and is a clear, well-organized writer. Importantly, we were impressed by her creative thinking about legal problems and by the level of intellectual curiosity and sophistication she brought to policy analysis. Additionally, PRRAC staff appreciated her friendly and professional manner at all times throughout the summer. We enjoyed hosting her and greatly appreciated her contributions to our work.

Best regards,

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