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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to work at the Chicago Legal Clinic this past summer. Equal Justice America made it possible for me to work with immigrants who were in need of legal services. I was able to assist the clinic in several ways, including: helping clients fill out forms, assisting in client initial intake meetings, preparing affidavits, preparing interview materials for clients, and preparing a Waiver of Inadmissibility. In all of these tasks, I was able to be effective in helping the clinic's clients in their applications.

One case in particular, which I worked on continuously, was the Waiver of Inadmissibility. During this process, I drafted a cover letter to USCIS on behalf of the client, I collected exhibits, drafted affidavits, and explained the process in Spanish to the clients. We worked the entire summer to make sure the client gathered the necessary documents in support of their case. While drafting a submission such as a Waiver of Inadmissibility, I had to develop a relationship with the client as well make sure their family members understood the process. The family members are also an integral part in drafting such a submission because, their support is imperative.

At the end of my summer at the Chicago Legal Clinic, I was able to finish the submission for the client. This was such a rewarding experience. Without EJA's fellowship program, I

would not have been able to be so effective and impact the lives the families I worked with. My work this past summer has been invaluable to my career and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

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