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Mr. Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am a second-year student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. This past summer, I had the opportunity to intern at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C. Due in part to your generous funding I was able to pursue my interest in public interest law and have a rich summer experience.

I worked with the Community Development Project (CDP) at the Lawyers' Committee. The mission of the CDP is to provide pro bono legal services to non-profit organizations in the most underserved regions, specifically coastal Mississippi and Louisiana. This support ran the gamut of partnering with law firms to provide transactional legal assistance, consultation and impact litigation.

A great deal of the CDP work this summer was supporting the North Gulfport Community Land Trust (NGCLT) in Gulfport, Mississippi acquire and place ten Mississippi cottages. The NGCLT is a non-profit organization established to increase the availability of affordable housing for low-income households. The bulk of my assignments concerned the NGCLT, including legal memorandum to challenge a local ordinance threatening to block the existence of a Community Land Trust (CLT) in North Gulfport. As a result of the CDP efforts, the NGCLT are currently in the construction phase of their CLT.

Again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Equal Justice America for supporting my internship. Interning at the Lawyers' Committee engaged my desire to use my education in service to those without access to traditional legal services. It is because of your organization that law students are able to build a career in ensuring that the ideals of equal justice reach the margins of America and help eliminate their existence.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lampley
University of Wisconsin Law School, 2011