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Dear Mr. Ruben,

This past summer, I served as a law clerk at Children's Law Center in Washington, DC. I worked with both the organization's Guardian Ad Litem practice and its Healthy Together practice, a medical-legal partnership that assisted families to pursue housing conditions cases, to complete SSI applications, and to navigate the special education system.

With the Healthy Together practice, I assisted the team by completing new client intakes with parents who had been referred to Children's Law Center by their pediatrician's practices. Many of the families had children with chronic health conditions and were seeking support to pursue housing conditions cases due to mold or infestation. A number of other parents were seeking help navigating the SSI and insurance processes to make sure their children could receive care. I also assisted attorneys in the Healthy Together practice on a number of existing cases, and accompanied attorneys and investigators on housing inspections and IEP meetings. I provided legal and policy research regarding SSI requirements, special education programs, and other issues pertinent to our clients.

In the Guardian Ad Litem practice, I worked specifically with an education attorney who supported and consulted the legal team on their more complex education cases. I provided practical research into possible placements and program options for clients. I also conducted a longer-term research project and developed an annotated bibliography of current research on the impact of educational placement changes in the lives of foster care youth.

One of the larger projects I worked on during the summer was researching and drafting a complaint in collaboration with one of the organization's Healthy Together attorneys. As part of this project, I met with the client, created a timeline of events, and developed an initial draft.

Through the experience, I had the opportunity to learn about the intersections of youth advocacy practice, and the connections between health, housing, and education. Thank you for the support of EJA throughout the summer, and best wishes for next year's fellows.

Sincerely,

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