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Dear Mr. Ruben,

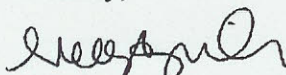
I am writing to thank you for allowing me to serve the Latino community in Pilsen, a neighborhood in Chicago, IL during the summer of 2006. As a law student, I had the opportunity to work on several worthwhile projects.

First, one of my goals this summer was to schedule and conduct presentations for parents of children with disabilities. There is a critical need for parents to become active participants in their children's education. Often, parents are not aware of their children's educational rights under our existing federal laws. Therefore, I researched the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and created a power point presentation in both Spanish and English that discussed relevant special education laws. I contacted several social service agencies, including Illinois Masonic Hospital. Several presentations were scheduled for the fall.

Secondly, I was involved in compiling the necessary immigration forms for Violence Against Women Act cases. For instance, I completed an affidavit for a client through a Polish interpreter and prepared the case for filing. I have also had the opportunity to observe a formal immigration interview for clients seeking legal permanent resident status. I was also present for various initial appointments with clients seeking relief for a variety of contractual and immigration issues and I researched asylum law for two Cuban clients.

Lastly, I helped with administrative projects, including reconciling a client database for one of the attorneys and helped prepare power point presentations. Needless to say, I learned a great deal about direct services in a public interest firm and my experience has solidified my goal of working in public interest. In fact, during the fall, I will continue working at another public interest organization, Health and Disability Advocates. Again, thank you very much for your support and for the fellowship.

Sincerely,



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