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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Thank you so much for supporting my efforts to help low-income families in the Greater Boston area. I have been able to continue my work with Greater Boston Legal Services that I started in May through the fall and now the spring. I am still working with the post-foreclosure team and have been able to even represent clients of my own.

I was able to represent a client at an administrative hearing at Boston Housing Authority. This lovely lady is an elderly immigrant with no status and very little financial resources. Though we don't typically take these types of cases, because clients don't need a lawyer, it was a great way for me to have practice advocating for a client! It was honestly, very scary since I had little time to prepare and was going over my notes as I walked to the hearing! I am still waiting the results but I felt proud of myself to be able to try and advocate for a lady who would not have been able to herself. The regulation policies and procedures were confusing for me and I am a law student, they certainly were not designed for my client to navigate successfully on her own. A few weeks ago I had my first chance to represent a client on my own in Boston Housing Court. I was working at the attorney of the day table and met a client who I agreed to help argue a motion to dismiss. Once, I walked into the courtroom though it turned out that it was on for trial! I had never done a trial before but knew I had to try my best because this lady was relying on me to help her. I was able to successfully cross-exam the landlord and enter the important documents into evidence! I received word one week later that I had won the case and the eviction suit was dismissed against my client! Mr. Ruben there are no words to describe the feeling of achievement. The whole time the only thing that kept me from panicking was knowing that this lady's real life housing situation was on the line and she needed me to help her.

Thank you so much for financially supporting me last summer and this past fall. I would not have been able to work here without having any income at all.

Sincerely,

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