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To Whom It May Concern:

While interning at FREE, I discovered the way learning should be. Nowhere else have I engaged in such diverse styles of intellect, from reading to writing, listening to discussing, questioning to researching. I thrive in environments where I am opened to issues that are practical and meaningful, and this is undoubtedly the case at FREE. I enjoyed the chance to challenge myself and pursue my interests, through experiences such as writing an op-ed piece in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* and completing an independent research project.

A personal highlight, though, was my involvement in the FREE summer conference series. The network of thinkers we were exposed to was an absolute gift. Not only were we able to listen to ideas of prominent economists, professors, judges, journalists, and others, but we were encouraged to converse with the participants ourselves. My discussions with participants and their desire to grow from intelligent, clear-minded, well-researched ideas was contagious, and has cultivated my own passion for the exchange of diverse ideas. Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to understand how invigorating and exciting learning can be.

Sincerely,  
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