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Attn: Ms. D'Arcy Kemnitz, Esq.  
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Dear Ms. Kemnitz:

I am a first year law student at the University of Minnesota and am interested in your summer clerkship position.

Last summer, I worked at New York City Council, where controversy over city funding existed. Due to financial constraints, Mayor Bloomberg proposed firing teachers and closing some fire departments. I worked alongside Speaker Christine Quinn, negotiating with unions to stop this from happening. Furthermore, my research examining the city budget for inefficiencies and my memos gave Speaker Quinn the arguments she needed to reach a bargain where no teachers were laid off and no fire departments were closed. This internship improved my negotiating and public speaking skills and made me realize I could be instrumental in changing public policy.

My research and writing skills sharpened through other experiences. While fact-finding and investigating at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), I constantly read and drafted memos about employment discrimination. My work made profound change as my notes on an age-discrimination case helped a woman obtain the funds needed to pay for her leg surgery. Additionally, my research and writing skills improved during my undergraduate career. At Stony Brook University, I completed two majors and two minors in three years *magna cum laude*, making me the youngest person in my law school class. During my time at Stony Brook, I wrote a senior honors thesis entitled "How Homosexuality is Perceived in Multiple Cultures" which I presented in front of the sociology department and received an A on. This was an independent project without professor advisement which made me take the initiative and conduct my own research without supervision. These experiences demonstrate my ability to multi-task, produce quality research and writing in a short timeframe, and manage my time; all skills essential to being a quality National LGBT Bar Association intern.

Like the National LGBT Bar Association, I am committed to public service, as shown with my history of non-for-profit and government work. My grassroots work at the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and National LGBT Center coupled with the past job of helping patients at Holy Name Hospital enhanced my interpersonal skills and reaffirmed my desire to work "for the people." My LGBT activism and civil rights experiences are why I came to law school. For these reasons, I would love to work at the National LGBT Bar Association.

My particular background will help me be a quality National LGBT Bar Association summer intern. I welcome the opportunity for an interview. I look forward to working on your behalf. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Truly yours,  
-Henry Ha