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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a first year law student at the University of South Carolina School of Law. For me, law school is a first logical step towards a career in the public sector. I have a background in business and political science from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, PA. Having finished my first year of law school I am eager to cultivate professional relationships and apply my skills in a business capacity. With massive transformations in technology and the global economy on the horizon, I am looking to advance my business intelligence. Some highlights of my background include:

* **Office of Senator John Kerry-** In the summer 2010 I had the opportunity to intern for Senator John Kerry in his Washington, D.C. office. This experience solidified my resolve to attend law school and to pursue a career in the public sector. During the internship I reported directly to Senator Kerry’s legislative administrators, who relied on me to attend hearings and lectures and write memoranda on topics including national water disputes, current climate debate and the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Interfacing daily with some of the most influential people in the country was incomparable. I thrived on the high expectations I was held to and proved my abilities in a fiercely competitive environment while honing my interpersonal skills.
* **Business Oriented-** As a junior in college I participated in an international marketing study abroad program through the Haub School of Business. Traveling through, France, Austria, Germany and Switzerland we visited and met with representatives from regional and national companies. We discussed the many issues that companies face when attempting to expand internationally. Furthermore we assessed the impact of the international market on new product launches and on current product growth. This experience enhanced my international business intelligence and cultural awareness. Furthermore, as the treasurer and member of the executive board for the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, I furthered my ability to lead others. I developed a fraternity budget that tracked social dues and chapter fees. As a sophomore in college I managed to pull my chapter out of an $18,000 debt in one semester, allowing us to maintain our charter with nationals. In addition to managing the fraternity budget I instated payment plans for social dues based on member’s individual financial standing.

In such a strenuous economic time there is a lot of work to be done to ensure the security of our future. I am goal orientated and will work hard to tackle any duties assigned to me. I would like the opportunity to talk with you and share my passion and eagerness. I can be reached at 774-487-1634 or via email at sfinnerty12@gmail.com. I look forward to speaking with you and discussing our developing challenges.

Sincerely,

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