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Dear Editorial Manager Anna Massoglia,

Thank you for considering me for the News Reporting Internship at OpenSecrets. I am confident that my previous experiences, education, skills, and passion for quality journalism and political transparency will be essential to fulfilling the role's responsibilities and expectations.

I am a student at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, where I concentrate in Local and Bilingual (Spanish) reporting. I also specialize in Data Journalism. This semester I am taking courses that are relevant and meaningful to this opportunity, including Advanced Research Techniques, Advanced Data Reporting, and Coding the News. Given OpenSecret's reputation for well-researched, in-depth pieces on money influence in politics, I believe these courses will be valuable for the high editorial standards and accuracy of your content. I recently published an article (in Spanish) on the labor movement for restaurant workers which required extensive research, fact-checking, and collaboration with my editors. I am in the process of publishing a piece on the fentanyl crisis, which also required thorough research and data analysis.

In my latest work endeavor, I served as the Assistant Director and Senior Researcher for The Law & Policy Group, a think-tank organization that specializes in public policy research and education. During my time I applied my web-building abilities to redesign and launch the organization's website, which resulted in a 60% increase in web traffic and outreach. I performed critical research, data analysis, and fact-checking for a published report on racial and gender equity in the U.S. I provided editorial support in the form of proofreading and creating all citations. Though I am not employed, I remain active in the organization and I am currently assisting in the production and fact-checking of a non-fiction book on the law and history of protests in the U.S. I also have experience in administrative and customer service settings.

As I conclude my letter, I trust that my dedication to the News Reporting Internship at OpenSecrets is apparent. I am particularly drawn to the internship's focus on research, reporting, and transparent political financing. I am truly excited about the prospect of joining and contributing to your team. I welcome the opportunity to discuss the position and my candidacy in further detail. If you have any questions and/or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact me by email at Yunior.Rivas@gmail.com or phone at (347) 784-3429.

Sincerely,

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