To Whom it May Concern,

I am really excited to contact you today. The work the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce does is serious and very important, and I know I am up to the task of assisting the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce as it confronts challenges.

I currently work at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Board). In my time at the Board, I have completed numerous trainings for SAS, Splus, and Visual Basic. Besides formal trainings, I use many statistical packages daily and am proficient in SAS (including SQL & macros), Splus, Stata, SPSS, eViews, MatLab, Linux, emacs, Rats, Fame, LaTeX and the Microsoft Office Suite, including SharePoint. My current work at the Board includes a modeling project for CCAR review, a primer on securities lending and a policy piece on interest rate risk. This may not seem applicable to the work that your organization does, but I promise that it is. Because of my experience with the Board, I can provide policy analysis with a degree of accuracy that most cannot.

I have been preparing for an opportunity such as this since I began my degree in 2010. I gained many skills in my graduate work in Public Service Administration at Texas A&M University’s Bush School of Government and Public Service: quantitative skills, using STATA and SPSS, which are necessary to deliver the top notch results the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce expects. I chose the concentration of Economic and Commerce Policy, a concentration I designed, to better understand how business, economics and government interact. In this context, I studied quantitative analysis, economic analysis, public finance, public policy analysis, game theory, political international development, international trade policy and state and local policy. I also completed a two semester group capstone on low income students’ access to preventive dental care for United Ways of Texas. The research, the data analysis, the econometrics, the focus on vulnerable groups in conflict zones and all of the team work required in our graduate joint project have provided me with a very solid foundation for a job with the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce.

Over the 2011 summer, I interned for the Council on Competitiveness in Washington, D.C., where I was given a lot of responsibility. On behalf of the Council, I participated in numerous meetings on Capitol Hill, attended Congressional hearings. On multiple occasions, I presented findings from my data analyzing veteran worker and grey labor (55+) to assembled groups, including Congressional staff, industry executives, and state government officials. I was proud that the preparation I put into the presentations helped advance the dialogue among very informed professionals.

For more information about my experience—educational, professional and community-based—please see my resume. To schedule an interview, you may contact me at [(979) 777-3081](tel:%28979%29%20777-3081) or [rboenigk@gmail.com](mailto:rboenigk@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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