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Dear recruiting team,

, I am writing to express my strong interest in the Arthur D. Hellman Fellowship in Public Interest Law at the Institute for Justice. As a rising junior majoring in Computer Science and Economics at New York University, I am eager to bring my passion for justice, research skills, and commitment to liberty to the distinguished program named after Professor Hellman.

Throughout my academic journey, I have cultivated a keen interest in the legal field, seeking opportunities to contribute to the pursuit of justice. My internship as a Judicial Intern at the District Court of Baltimore allowed me to analyze complex case facts, contributing to a comprehensive understanding crucial for effective decision-making. This experience honed my analytical and research skills, making me well-equipped for the substantive projects offered to Fellows at IJ.

As a Digital Media Intern at the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, I developed data-driven strategies, showcasing proficiency in leveraging analytics for targeted marketing. This experience in conducting research and formulating strategic proposals aligns seamlessly with the diverse assignments described for past Fellows at IJ.

My leadership roles, including serving as the Director of Communications for the BIPOC Legal Society, demonstrate my commitment to fostering diverse perspectives. I believe in the power of a diverse workplace and appreciate IJ's encouragement for applicants who may not meet every qualification but bring unique perspectives.

The prospect of contributing to IJ's impactful work and gaining exposure to the inner workings of a leading national public interest law firm excites me. I am confident that my analytical, research, and leadership skills, coupled with my passion for justice, make me a strong candidate for the Arthur D. Hellman Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Sophie Osunkoya