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Dear Ms. Taylor,

Thank you for talking to me about opportunities at Huron during the Economics Career Breakfast at Notre Dame. At the Career Fair, I talked to one of the interns who is going back to Huron next year and became interested in the Higher Education Analyst role because I want to work for a company with a great working environment that provides solutions to real world challenges that impact the lives of people everyday.

My experience this summer as a Policy Intern at Serving Virginia prepared me of this client oriented role. Each week, I examined policy problems in the Commonwealth and presented possible solutions and implementation strategies to the CEO of the foundation. For instance, one of my tasks was to identify ways to raise alternative sources of tax revenue in the Commonwealth. I was able to look the data presented from other states and perform a cost-benefit analysis on marijuana and gambling legalization that found that both would have positive impacts in the Commonwealth. This experience allowed me to better understand the intricacies of solving real world problems and the steps required to find a practical solution.

During my time at the University of Notre Dame, I have become particularly interested in education and how it can better people’s lives. In one of my development related Economics classes, I conducted a regression analysis looking at the impact of trust on Economic outcomes in Africa, finding some correlation between education levels and levels of trust among the people. This semester, I am doing a Consulting project with Education Bridge, an organization that is interested in finding sustainable sources of fundraising for its school in South Sudan. I am very interested in continuing to combine my analytical abilities with my passion for education in a role that will challenge to me come up with new innovative solutions to difficult problems.

I would like to work in a field that uses my critical thinking skills in an industry that makes a huge difference in people’s day to day lives. Please consider placing me on your interview schedule during your campus visit. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zachary Spahr