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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in working as a Temporary Project Assistant for Central and West Africa.

As a Political Science Research Assistant, I was responsible for

Policy research at Serving Virginia allowed me to apply the critical thinking skills I had developed in my Economics and Political Science courses into thinking about practical solutions to policy problems. Each week, I researched a specific policy issue and developed a cost-benefit analysis of possible solutions to the problem. For instance, one of my tasks was to come up with an estimate of the impact of potential marijuana legalization on the state budget. Looking at the data, I estimated that the state could net 75 to 100 million dollars when considering increased tax revenue generated and decreased enforcements costs. These tasks helped me get better at synthesizing lots of information so that I could make a clear and concise argument supporting my policy recommendation.

I would like to continue to build upon my experiences working on an advocacy campaign and doing policy research as a Research Associate at The Hub Project. It would be a tremendous privilege to play a small part in working to advocate for policies that guarantee better policies for all Americans. Please consider placing me on your interview schedule. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Zachary Spahr