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Brenda Mallory

Chair

White House Council on Environmental Quality

730 Jackson Place, NW

Washington, DC 20506

Dear Chair Mallory:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a Fall 2023 Intern with the White House Council on Environmental Quality. As a landscape architecture student at Kansas State University, my curriculum is steeped in STEM research, design, and policy coursework. This combination of coursework makes me uniquely qualified to assist your office and others across the Federal government in addressing environmental policy questions in a holistic manner. I would be proud to apply my analytical skills and commitment to the environment and natural resources to this office.

My background in landscape architecture has informed my perspective on policy issues related to climate change, the biodiversity crisis, active transportation, water and air quality, site remediation, green infrastructure, and more. I have developed strong analytical skills to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts of design interventions. As landscape architects are leaders in the programs associated with the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, I am already familiar with specific laws that guide CEQ operations. This background prepares me to hit the ground running on day one of the internship.

Earning my degree is as much about honing practical skills as it is about absorbing information. As a student member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I have participated in several climate-related activities through engagement in the Environmental Justice, Water Conservation, and Sustainable Development Professional Practice Networks. I have also taken on leadership roles within the ASLA National Climate Action Committee and Government Affairs Advisory Group.

In addition to my academic background and practical experience, I am dedicated, hard-working, eager to learn, and have keen attention to detail. Accustomed to rigorous design studios, I am comfortable working in a fast-paced environment and have experience working on projects with tight deadlines. As landscape architecture is an inherently interdisciplinary craft, I have also become a strong communicator and team player. I am trained to clearly express complex ideas verbally, visually, and in text. I would be able to apply these soft skills on a daily basis in this position.

I am excited about the opportunity to both contribute to and learn from the White House Council on Environmental Quality. I would be proud to be a part of developing and supporting policies that help create sustainable and equitable communities. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely, [Your Name]