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Dear Pure Oakland Water Board of Directors,

I wanted to take the time to make you all aware of how appreciative I am to have been chosen for this internship. This was my third summer interning with the Clinton River Watershed Council, and my second year being a POW intern. Last year I was involved in a variety of field work, which only strengthened my passion for research. This year I was involved in a few field work grants, two being the road stream crossing surveys and Gallagher Creek monitoring. This year however, I was able to become more hands on in our educational programs, such as Stream Leaders and Wet n Wild Wednesdays; both programs that teach children how to identify macroinvertebrates and quantify the health of a stream. Both years I was able to participate in a wide variety of events such as Walk on the Wild Side, Crafts on the Clinton, The POW Golf Event, the Stormwater Summit, and a variety of Water Festivals including the Water Festival held at Oakland University and the Rouge River Water Festival.

I graduated from Oakland University in June with a major in Environmental Science. I am very pleased that I was able to spend all three summers of my undergraduate degree interning for the Watershed Council. After completing my degree I am grateful that the Watershed Council has decided to allow me to continue to work for them and gain necessary skills that will help me in my future, whether it be in graduate school or in a professional career setting.

I wanted to thank all of you who made it possible for me to be an intern these past two years with the Watershed Council. I have improved on important abilities that one doesn't learn in a classroom, such as how to interact and educate the public on key environmental issues. Once again, thank you for selecting me to be a POW intern, it is an honor that I cherish greatly!

All my best,

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