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Dear Dr. Sabanegh:

SUMMER INTERNSHIP – CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

I have had the pleasure of being part of both the 2010 and 2011 Summer Internship Programs hosted by Dr. Agarwal and the Center for Reproductive Medicine (CRM). It has been a privilege to participate as an intern, and truly an honor to be invited back as a mentor in such a prestigious program. The CRM program is unrivaled in terms of quality and intensity of research, amiable environment, and professionalism. In addition, the support and encouragement from the entire staff and visiting mentors exceeded my expectations and contributed significantly to my motivation to succeed.

The program provided an opportunity to expand my knowledge, to hear differing views, to meet new faces, and to experience a variety of new challenges. It offered the chance to interact with fellow aspiring medical students, as well as communicate with and work alongside some of the most renowned physicians, reproductive scientists, and clinicians in the medical field. The program enhanced my reading, writing, critical thinking and public speaking skills, all of which are essential to success in any future endeavor. The initial feeling of accomplishment coming from acceptance by this prestigious international summer program served as additional motivation to persevere toward achieving my long-term goal of pursuing a career in medicine. Eager for the work and prepared to face the obstacles, I entered the program each year with excited anticipation and determination. My collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic has earned me nearly 15 publications over the past year. I truly gained tremendous insight and a passion for the medical field, while also maturing in ways that cannot simply be explained.

I would like to thank you and Dr. Agarwal for providing me with a life-changing opportunity and extraordinary experience. This program has been a tremendous asset to me and has, honestly, transformed my life. The skills and knowledge gained at the Cleveland Clinic has provided me with the experience needed for future research in clinical medicine as an academician, physician, and writer. I look forward to contributing and giving back to the program in upcoming years. Thank you for giving me the opportunity and for fulfilling my dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Kashou', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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