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Dear Public Interest Leader,

Another semester has begun here at Penn State's Dickinson School of law, signaling even more opportunities for the public interest law community. As you may already know, The Miller Center for Public Interest Advocacy undertakes to connect public interest attorneys in need of free research assistance with students willing to dedicate their time and efforts to providing that research. The primary goal of the Miller Center is to ensure that the students understand and internalize the attorney's professional obligation to serve the underrepresented, regardless of the area of law in which he or she ultimately chooses to practice. In pursuing this objective, the Center is also able to provide much needed assistance to those attorneys already dedicated to representing the underrepresented.

The Center will pair students who have expressed interest in providing *pro bono* research with public defenders, legal services attorneys, lawyers providing pro bono representation and public interest organizations who have requested assistance on a particular case or issue. Law students cannot, however, provide direct legal advice to clients.

If your office has any *pro bono* opportunities for our students, please request assistance by either filling out a request form at <http://www.dsl.psu.edu/centers/miller.cfm> or by sending an email to millercenter@dsl.psu.edu. Additionally, I have included a flyer which can be posted in your office detailing how to contact the Miller Center.

Thank you for your time and your dedication. If you have any questions, please contact me at kmc32@psu.edu.

Sincerely,

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