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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your support in allowing me to attend the 2017 Aspen Security Forum. As a young Latin female interested in pursuing a career in national security, the opportunity to attend and participate in such an incredible forum has been invaluable.

The seminar was not only informative but dealt with very timely discussions that are important to the future of our national security. To be a part of these conversations and interact with such senior policy makers was truly remarkable. The experts and senior level officials in attendance were accessible and willing to help young professionals in the field. The networking alone has been metamorphic to my career. Attending the Aspen Security Forum has reinvigorated my desire to pursue a career in this field.

As I'm sure you know, the national security apparatus is lacking diversity in its most senior leadership and decision making positions. Providing the opportunity to young professionals like myself is not only transformational to their careers but is also paving the way for the next generation of national security leaders.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely,



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