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To the hiring staff at North Carolina League of Conservation Voters,
As a junior at Duke University majoring in Public Policy with a minor in Environmental Sciences & Policy, I would like to be considered for the Legislative and Political Fellow position at the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters. I have a personal interest in improving environmental policy and have direct work experience in the field, as well as with the NCLCV Environment Scorecard. My prior experience conducting in-depth research on legislative matters has helped me to build the skillset necessary to excel in this role at NCLCV. Combined with my demonstrated commitment to the mission and work of the NCLCV, I believe I could make a meaningful contribution this summer.

Working as a research assistant under Professor Blue Devil this past summer provided me with the opportunity to research topics surrounding the voting patterns of legislators on environmental issues. During this experience, I utilized the NCLCV Environmental Scorecards to construct multiple datasets and aid Professor Blue Devil in their work. This research and data work directly tie into my honors thesis, in which I will utilize LCV Environmental Scorecards from the national LCV and its state affiliates to analyze how past occupations influence legislative voting on environmental bills in state legislatures and the US Congress. This background has uniquely prepared me to help develop this year's NCLCV Environmental Scorecard.

My public policy and environmental science classes have given me extensive experience with policy research, memo writing, and data analysis. I have spent considerable time looking at both North Carolina-specific and national environmental policy issues such as PFAS water contamination in the Cape Fear River and the clean-energy benefits of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. In addition to my coursework, I conducted research at the Center for Child and Family Policy on the US social safety net. This work involved investigating complex policy questions and potential legislation very similar to your needs at the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters.

This past summer I began volunteering at the Community Empowerment Fund, a local nonprofit focused on addressing social issues experienced by disadvantaged community members here in Durham. The most consequential time of my week are my face-to-face meetings with community members facing eviction, income insecurity, and food insecurity. These meetings require great self-awareness and communication skills as I navigate complicated and personal issues with community members. Communication skills that would transfer over to my work at the NCLCV. These interactions deepen my resolve to address issues such as racial injustice and inequity which have a strong role to play in addressing environmental issues.

Following my freshman year, I served as a DukeEngage Fellow in Detroit, Michigan working at Co.act Detroit, a regional non-profit focused on professional and organizational development in the local non-profit sector. My experience in community-based non-profit organizations fuels my desire to continue working in this critical space.

Thank you for considering my application. I would love the opportunity to share more about my background in an interview.

All the best,
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