

**Amy Block letter of recommendation for the Center of the Study of the Presidency
Fellowship**

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Tom,

Thank you very much for helping me with this letter of recommendation. I believe I have worked very hard to help make a substantive contribution to the Domestic Policy Council and I know that I have learned a great deal from being included your work.

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The application deadline is April 30, 1998 and there is no official recommendation form. The letter should be sent to:

Dr. Arthur Peterson
President and CEO
Center for the Study of the Presidency
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New York, NY 10021

Attached is a copy of my resume and a list of my recent work for you.

Tobacco

- Assisted in preparing responses to Senator McCain's questions to the White House on the Administration's tobacco policy recommendations
- Monitored Senators' positions on provisions of the tobacco bill
- Verified estimates of price-per pack increases and reductions in youth smoking
- Monitored hearings on tobacco, notified agencies of hearing and witness schedules
- Assisted Cynthia Rice and Cynthia Dailard in organizing changes in the tobacco bill before and after the McCain markup

Policy Planning

- Analyzed content of the President's policy announcements and past 6 months of news coverage
- Summarized policy proposals from Democratic Governors' State of States

Equal Pay

- Researched equal pay bills and used section by section analyses to delineate technical aspects of legislation
- Summarized studies analyzing damage awards in employment discrimination cases

Youth and Drinking

- Researched legislation on youth and alcohol advertising restrictions
- Summarized studies analyzing binge drinking on college campuses

Consumer Finance

- Researched bills on consumer financial protection, information privacy, ATM fees, and fair credit
- Researched state and federal codes on privacy protections of personal financial information

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EDUCATION

The University of Michigan, Honors College
B.A. in Honors Political Science and Women's Studies
GPA: 3.9/4.0
Phi Beta Kappa, awarded Junior year
Class Honors, Angell Scholar, Truman Scholarship Finalist

Ann Arbor, MI
Dec. 1998

Skyline High School
Newspaper Editor-in-Chief, Debate Team Captain
Commencement Speaker, Girls State

Salt Lake City, Utah
June 1994

EXPERIENCE

The White House, Domestic Policy Council, Intern
Assisted the Administration in working with the Senate on tobacco legislation
Assisted in preparing reports on tobacco, wage discrimination, and consumer protection
Researched state and federal legislation on information privacy and public health issues

Washington, DC
Jan. 1998-Present

The Brookings Institution, Intern
Researched topics on elections and campaign finance reform for Thomas Mann
Conducted weekly briefings on election laws in Britain, Italy, Japan and Chile
Assisted E.J. Dionne in organizing policy discussions on civil society

Washington, DC
Sept. 1997-Feb. 1998

The National Election Studies, Research Assistant
Assisted in coordinating the leading academic survey of voting behavior
Provided research support to scholars using NES data, wrote codebooks

Ann Arbor, MI
Aug. 1996-Aug. 1997

Lake Research, Associate Analyst
Analyzed polling data and election statistics, served as executive assistant to Celinda Lake
Assisted in writing reports for labor, environmental, public health, and women's groups

Washington, DC
May-Aug. 1996

Congresswoman Karen Shepherd, Intern
Researched and prepared policy briefings on issues related to committee assignments
Managed constituent casework and summarized District news for Congressional staff

Salt Lake City, UT
June-Aug. 1994

Senator Orrin Hatch, Youth Advisory Committee Member
Appointed to advisory committee to provide youth perspective on legislative issues
Participated in briefing sessions on domestic policy and legislation affecting Utah

Salt Lake City, UT
Sept. 1992-June 1994

Utahns for Choice, Intern
Assisted with candidate recruitment, training and fundraising activities

Salt Lake City, UT
Jan.-June 1994

ACTIVITIES

Michigan Journal of Political Science, Associate Editor
Evaluated submissions, edited articles selected for publication, wrote book reviews

Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 1994-Present

Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan, Teaching Assistant
Created new University course, led weekly seminar discussions, graded student papers

Ann Arbor, MI
Jan.-May 1996

Project SERVE, Executive Board
Coordinated community service initiatives with University administrators
Helped students prepare for careers in public service, recruited volunteers to staff social service agencies
Registered low-income women to vote and conducted a mass voter education campaign

Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 1994-Aug. 1997

COMPUTER SKILLS

Command of Macintosh and IBM programs
Completed graduate level political science course in quantitative methods