

Drew

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The Harvey Fellows Program
Mustard Seed Foundation
1001 N. 19th Street, Suite 2000
Arlington, VA. 22209

Dear Harvey Fellows Program,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to write on behalf of Drew Hansen. He is one of the most decent, talented, and hard working people I have had the opportunity to work with, and is very deserving of the opportunity to pursue his dream of public service.

Drew came to work in the White House immediately following his time as a Rhodes Scholar in England. It is enough to say about the quality of his work that when he was finished, I hoped we could persuade him to delay law school and continue his work with us. His memos were consistently intelligent, creative, thorough and prompt. He possessed an enthusiasm for finding problems and trying to solve them that any American would hope for from someone working in government. He also possessed the humility to see his job as an honor and opportunity. It is a rare combination in someone who has met with much early success.

The manner in which Drew pursued the tasks we asked of him says a great deal about him as a person, as well. Despite a working schedule that took him to Cambridge, Massachusetts to help teach in a program during the beginning of the week, Drew never used his time constraints as an excuse, or to limit his productivity. Rather, he found ways to take assignments with him on the road, and to work around the difficulties he faced. I found that he took this determined attitude with him to the great variety of tasks he was presented with while working here.

Drew evidenced a huge variety of skills that indicate his potential as a future leader. He is naturally gifted intellectually, has a strong affinity for people, a tolerance and curiosity about those who differ from him, determination when confronted with obstacles to be overcome, and a decency that is not lost to compromise. Americans will be lucky if people of Drew's talents and character choose to go into public service.

I am pleased to write on Drew Hansen's behalf and hope I was of some service in helping you make your decision.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Freedman