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Subject: Letter of Introduction

Dear Professor Metenko,

My name is Selma Ozdemir, and I am a civil engineering student at the City College of New York. I moved to the United States nearly four years ago from Turkey, mainly to prioritize my education. Since I was a kid, I've always had a passion for design and buildings. I remember how my favorite parts of video games were when I got to design houses. Even back then, I enjoyed the creative process of bringing a vision to life. Prior to choosing this field, I did my research and asked people in my life for advice. At first, I was more interested in interior design or even architecture. Pursuing a degree in civil engineering wasn't my first choice, but the more I researched into it, the more I realized that this field is the right one for me. I became intrigued by the versatility of the field and the countless opportunities it offers. As I continue in this field, I'm excited to gain hands-on experience and contribute to projects that have real impact on communities. While my passion for interior design remains, I now see it as something I can integrate with my engineering background. My goal is to merge both interests to create innovative and sustainable spaces while using engineering principles.

In my opinion, good writing comes from clarity, good research, creativity, and purpose. A piece of writing should not only communicate ideas effectively but also engage the reader and leave a lasting impact. Authenticity is another important tool in writing. I think when writers express their

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true thoughts and feelings, their words have a stronger impact. These are some of the things I put into consideration when I'm working on my writing piece. When I reflect on my writings in the past, I realized how peer review gives me the most improvement in class. As it gives me a chance to reflect on my writing and to improve it in certain areas. One goal I have for this semester is to improve my writing by expanding my vocabulary. By learning new words and practicing how to use them naturally, I hope to make my writing more engaging and impactful. Another goal I have for this class is to practice writing in a structured and professional manner that would help me in the future. I believe this class will help me a lot in my education and future career by improving my writing skills and communication.

Sincerely,

Selma Ozdemir