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Kristine Slentz Professor, The City College of New York 160 Convent Avenue New York, NY 10031

Dear Professor Slentz,

My name is Alex Gibson-Daley, and I am currently a college freshman at City College. While I was born here in the United States, I come from a Caribbean background. I have lived in New York City almost my entire life, and I have gained many interests and hobbies from living here. I remember as a kid, my interests swayed from wanting to be a doctor or a builder. I was very curious about the world, and wanted to know how it worked. I became interested in city infrastructure in my early teens, as I would start to go out and explore the city I called home. It eventually led to my interest in civil engineering. My main hobbies include playing video games, photography, and game modding, while dabbling in video and photo editing. I try to keep myself busy these days and learn as much as I can about my interests.

I hope that I could change where I live locally. My interests have gravitated me towards looking at problems we have in areas of transportation and buildings. My goal would be to make things more efficient for people that live here. I look at transportation for instance, and see that our public transportation could be improved upon drastically. As a person that uses public transportation I feel the effects of the poor infrastructure we have in the city. If I were in charge, I would implement a multi-stage plan to upgrade all of the technology used in public transit.

Currently, I see myself as somewhat lacking in my writing, and I am trying to improve in those areas. My goal in this class is to be able to become a better writer, and use these skills to pursue my interests. I aim to make my work less wordy and more concise, and to be able to have others understand what I say relatively quickly. I hope to go through with these goals and look forward to being here this semester.

Sincerely,

Alex Gibson-Daley