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To: College Chairs of Political Science,
History, Pre-Law, and Bioethics

Re: 2018 Full Time Semester Legislative Internships

Illinois Right to Life Action (IRLA) is a recently merged organization (April 2017) from the two well-established pro-life organizations of Illinois Right to Life and Illinois Citizens for Life, both having over 40 years of experience. IRLA's mission is to work to secure the principle that all human beings are legal persons at every stage of biological development from conception to natural death, and as such are entitled to the basic human right to life, irrespective of age, health, function or condition of dependency.

Our focus is to work with the governor and his office, state agencies, state senators and representatives, their staff, and lobbyists to influence legislation, rules and regulations that impact the pro-life issues of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research and related issues.

The lobbying internship will be from January through May, which is for Spring Session 2018 of the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield, Illinois. Generally, the session days are Tuesdays through Thursdays (with occasional Monday and/or Friday sessions).

Interns will learn the real legislative process as interacted by lobbyists and lobbying organizations. Interns will learn the nuts and bolts of the process from the pro-life position and perspective. This includes meeting with other pro-life organizations to prepare legislation, working with the General Assembly attorneys to finalize the legislation, and working with senators and state representatives for sponsorship and co-sponsorship of our legislation. Additionally, interns will work with House and Senate committees and their Republican and Democratic staffers, as well as other lobbyists, having interest in the legislation, including those of different positions.

Interns will review and help research the myriad of legislation introduced each year (over 5,000 bills and hundreds of amendments) and work with senators and representatives who have legislation that are of concern to pro-life.

Direct lobbying of senators and representatives and/or the governor's staff will be a big part of this internship. Interns will develop a working knowledge of the entire process.

Interns must have a strong pro-life and pro-family view and position.

If there is an interest by your College or University and any of your students, please contact us. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Rivera", with a stylized, flowing script.

Ralph Rivera
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