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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I am a Junior at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I recently traveled to
Washington DC with the Close Up organization at my school. The
three experiences that had the greatest impact on me during my
stay in Washington were learning more about our nation's
government, meeting my state's Senator and Representative, and
of course meeting new people from around the country.

My trip to Washington made me a more knowledgeable and
informed citizen. I learned a great deal about the way the
government functions, and what exactly takes place in our
nation's capital. I got to witness legislatures debate bills and
certain foreign and domestic issues that effect every one of us
directly or indirectly. I felt like an actual broadcast
journalist sitting in on committee hearings and learning about
our government "close up".

Meeting my state's Senator and Representative had to be one of
the biggest highlights of my trip to Washington DC. I thought it
was great that the Close Up foundation made all the meeting
accommodations for the students to meet with the people who serve
their state in Capital Hill. My state's Senator and
Representative were both friendly and very willing to answer any
questions that the Close Up students had for them. They both
showed great hospitality towards us by letting us visit with them

in their own personal offices.

The people that I met during my trip in Washington DC have definitely contributed to my life. Students from Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Utah went on the trip. It was so interesting to hear other people's opinions about issues that the nation faces. The friends that I made, I still keep in touch with and I probably will for the rest of my life.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to you for sponsoring the Close Up foundation. I would like to personally thank you for your time, effort, and financial support that you have given to Close Up. Close Up is a wonderful and enlightening experience, and without your help it could not happen. Thank you.

Sincerely,

