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Dear Ms. Talbert,

I have been researching hunger in the U.S. the last few weeks. I am trying to decide whether the U.S. government provides enough funding to families in need of food, or the food insecure. So far in my research, I have come to a conclusion that the government does not do enough for the food insecure. I decided on my topic by thinking ahead to my senior year. I figured that for my product or service hours, I could get involved with CAM, which is a Christian based food charity that stands for Clayton Area Ministries. I think I can volunteer to collect food, participate in food drives, and possibly start my own food drive.

So far, I have completed 150 notecards and my outline for my paper. I feel that I have taken good notes on my notecards and that I can use them to support my opinion by using statistical evidence. Reading is not my strength, but I do feel that I do well in writing papers. In my outline, I have 6 body paragraph subjects to elaborate on, which is enough for a 6-8 page paper if I give detailed facts to support my opinion about hunger in America. I am looking forward to writing the paper this year more than last year because last year my notecards were not very good, and I had a tough time trying to incorporate facts in my paper. This year it should be easier because I learned my lesson to start out strong by taking good notes to end up with a successful research paper.

Thus far, I have encountered a few problems. One was that I had trouble coming up with a strong thesis. In my outline, my thesis is weak, but I am working to strengthen it when I work on my rough draft. However, our class recently went over how to write our thesis, so that should only be minor. Another problem is my lack of motivation. I am a very motivated person, but English is my worst subject, and there are so many things going on with tests and homework that I am not spending enough time thinking about my research paper. I will continue to try to improve my motivation toward this paper even though it is not of my best interest. I feel that if I stay motivated, I will have few problems because we are coming to end to all the hassle and we will begin on actually writing the paper.

Since we have been instructed to complete our outlines, our next step will be to write our rough draft, this will be a challenge, since being in an honors English class requires our paper to be 6-8 pages long. I plan to tackle this long task by spreading out my work. I will try to write a page or a half a page a night. I will not procrastinate. I used to in lower grades, but due to the size of my projects in the last few years, I realized that these

projects can't be completed the night before they are due, even I were to throw an all-nighter. I intend to meet with you soon after school to touch base with you on what I have completed so far.

Sincerely

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