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Brennan Center for Justice
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Dear Hiring Committee:

I am writing to apply for an internship with the Brennan Center's Liberty and National Security Program. I am graduating from the LL.M. program at Harvard Law School in May 2017 and will take the New York Bar Exam in July 2017. After speaking with fellow student and former intern, Joseph Breen, I am particularly excited about the opportunity to work with the Brennan Center. I am passionate about digital privacy, internet policy and technology law, and I believe I will be able to make substantial contributions to your team with my interdisciplinary experiences in the public sector and telecommunications industry.

Prior to coming to Harvard, I worked for three years in the Legal Department of the National Communications Commission (NCC), the central authority for telecommunications services in Taiwan. I am experienced in engaging multiple stakeholders in decision making related to the telecommunications industry, which requires excellent active listening and teamwork skills. For example, last year I assisted in the drafting of a legislative bill that aimed to promote competition-centered internet governance and involved collaboration and negotiation with a wide variety of government agencies, industries and consumers. I also provided various legal analyses on topics, including due process and open data, and actively participated in two administrative litigations against NCC.

My specific desire to advocate for digital privacy protection and cybersecurity brought me to Harvard Law School. Taking courses such as Counseling and Legal Strategy in the Digital Age, Communications and Internet Law and Policy and Digital Privacy has sparked a greater interest in exploring the development of digital law in the United States and deepened my understanding of communications law and internet policy in general. In addition, I had the opportunity to sharpen my legal research and writing skills through the Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project, where I provide pro bono legal services to startups.

Working in the Liberty and National Security Program would provide me with the unparalleled opportunity to advocate for digital privacy and information transparency, and I would be thrilled to learn from attorneys and experts working in related fields. I believe my enthusiasm coupled with my relevant past experience and self-motivated attitude would allow me to hit the ground running as an intern. I am available to work on August 1, 2017 and my visa provides work authorization until June 30, 2018. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss an internship with your office. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Isabel Haag