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The Honourable Maria Salazar
Miami, Florida (33176)

In support of a new bill to place restrictions on unpaid internships:

Greetings Mrs. Salazar,

I am a student at the Florida State University, and after doing research on the effects of internships, it has come to my attention that unpaid internships are more harmful than they are advantageous to those who take them. This topic is very important to the future of this nation, and I will provide many key statistics to hopefully persuade you into pushing for more action against harmful corporations taking advantage of the youth.

- Only about 43% of unpaid interns end up receiving job offers, compared to around 63% of paid interns.
- Students who complete paid internships earn higher starting salaries than those with unpaid internships.
- Nearly 60% of internships are unpaid in the U.S., which shows how common the issue is.
Information was gathered from the National Association of Colleges and Employers
- Unpaid internships are disproportionately held by students from higher-income families, limiting access for lower-income students, and farthing widening the income inequality that this country already faces (Brookings Institution).

I hope that the following information is enough to convince you and show you the negative effects that can be stopped with legislation banning the practice of unpaid internships and providing more laws that protect people that take part in internships. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lucas Rivera