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U.S. Senator John Thune
Office of United States Senator John Thune
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Dear Senator Thune,

I am excited to submit my application for the student internship program in your Rapid City office for the first session of summer 2023. My aspirations to go to graduate school in Washington, D.C. and pursue a career in foreign affairs or policy research have me thrilled about the opportunity to learn how a Senate office functions. I have admired you ever since you spoke at my elementary school in third grade, and I am a family friend of XXXX XXXXX. I believe that my academic background in political science, international business, and economics, my time abroad in Romania, and my role as a peer career mentor make me a great fit for this position.

My rigorous coursework in political science, international business, and economics has prepared me especially well for the demands of this role. It has given me a firm foundation in domestic and comparative politics, history, quantitative analysis, and public policy, as well as a knack for critical thinking and effective written and oral communication. Beyond my coursework, I am deeply intellectually curious and take great joy in applying myself to learn new things. I had the opportunity to put boots on the ground as I studied and interned in the Jiu Valley of Romania in the fall of 2021. I took courses in sustainable development, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Romanian history and language to supplement the immersive experiences of living with a host family, interning at a local business, traveling around the country, and wrapping up the semester in a communist bloc apartment. This experience taught me how to step fully into a challenge, embrace adaptability, and build bridges across worldviews and cultural differences.

My present role as a peer career mentor has given me ample opportunity to hone my editing, proofreading, and leadership skills as I help fellow students polish their professional materials on top of planning events, leading meetings, speaking on panels, and performing various administrative tasks in the career office. A key aspect of this role is strategizing campus outreach for the career center, something I believe will help me as I promote your messages to your constituents.

I look forward to an opportunity to further share about my qualifications and fit for the position in an interview. You may find my resume and letter of recommendation attached. Thank you in advance for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,

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