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Dear Mr. Kline:

Please accept this cover letter and attached resume in consideration for the education internship being offered at Harpers Ferry Historical Park. As an aspiring environmentalist, I am pursuing an education towards a dual career in Agricultural Education and Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. Upon finding the internship opportunity on the National Park Service's website and reading the prerequisites of the position, I am confident my academic experience and commitment to service are compatible with the park's mission of increasing educational outreach, and I am eager to serve as a part your team in accomplishing that task.

Currently a freshman at Colorado State University, my passion for the environment began at an early age and was cemented after becoming involved in the Natural Resources Pathway during my tenure at Middletown High School. Throughout participation in both programs of academia, I have learned the fundamentals of conservation and preservation while developing an understanding of the intricate processes required to ensure the beauty of our natural surroundings. Additionally, my commitment to extracurricular programs such as Adopt-a-Highway, Women In Science Education (WISE), and my local FFA chapter has only enhanced my desire to continue within the field of environmental service pursuing my career goal of promoting natural resource sustainability.

As highlighted in my resume, during the summer of 2016, I volunteered with the Student Conservation Association in a six-week mission at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. In this role, my major responsibilities centered on identifying ecological threats, removing invasive species, maintaining pathways, and collaborating with coworkers to ensure trail accessibility. This fulfilling experience played a vital role in strengthening my passion for environmental and educational outreach, and aligns well with the requirements of the internship being offered at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

In closing, thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing the materials I have submitted. Please, feel free to utilize my contact information, listed above, as I would enjoy discussing my qualifications in greater detail, should you have any questions. Finally, as an eager applicant, I plan to follow-up on the status of my application on Tuesday, November 1st to confirm the acceptance of my written materials as well as to inquire whether a partnership with the National Park Service remains a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Ariana Gaston

Enclosure: Resume