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Dear Ms. Robboy:

As a second-year dual MSW/MEd student in Widener University’s Human Sexuality program, I am writing to apply for the Graduate Student Counseling Internship position described on The Center for Growth’s official website. While searching for agencies and sites for my Specialization Field Practicum, starting in Fall 2019, both your name and The Center for Growth were recommended by Dr. Sabitha Pillai-Friedman and Dr. Phillip Rutter at the Center for Human Sexuality Studies. I am passionate about working with couples and sexuality-related topics in therapy and would enjoy the opportunity to work with experienced professionals in the field.

In the past, I have worked extensively with queer youth in support group settings with Colour Youth, the LGBTQ Youth Organization in Athens, Greece. Among the most common themes arising in these groups were sexual dysfunctions associated with anxiety, gender dysphoria, or desire discrepancies between partners. I am confident that navigating therapeutically the complexity of sexual functioning in queer youth has prepared me to work with heterosexual adults as well. In addition, my experience with the European Federation of Psychology Students’ Associations has cultivated a systems-focused approach to my understanding of the world and how people develop relationships. This approach has been instrumental in working with couples. At the age of 25, I have already lived in three different countries on two continents, visited dozens of countries, and worked consistently with people from around the globe. I believe that my cultural competence and context will be assets to your already diverse team of therapists and will serve the needs of your culturally diverse clientele.

The Center for Growth’s internship position provides an ideal educational opportunity to become a member of a team that puts sexuality and relationships at the core of its therapeutic focus. Enclosed you will find all my application materials for your review. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person and discuss your expectations and my qualifications in further detail. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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