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Alison Meares Cohen
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Ms. Meares Cohen,

I am writing in response to the position of Global Movements Program Director, as seen on the Bloustein School jobs database. In a world constantly seeking to meet the basic needs of disadvantaged populations, WhyHunger uses a refreshing, bottom-up approach that simultaneously fortifies local food sovereignty movements and forms a resilient foundation for programs and networks globally. My passion for food access and community engagement, complemented by my knowledge of natural resource planning and project management experience make me an ideal candidate to assist in furthering WhyHunger's mission.

While earning my Master of City & Regional Planning degree, I designed my concentration in community natural resource management. As chair of a team of four tasked to assess fiscal and social standards of governance within Alaskan native corporations for the United Nations University's Traditional Knowledge Institute, we interviewed over 25 executives to understand local impacts of transparency and accountability of oil revenues on social service programs. Continuing the theme of community-based planning, I co-founded a consulting firm and analyzed climate change impacts on fisheries for a nonprofit environmental organization. WhyHunger's goals resonate with the ideas of contributing to local, sustainable development and increasing community resiliency.

Augmented by my research in urban and rural food systems planning, microfinance and community development, I frame my investigations around a keen understanding of access, management and monitoring. WhyHunger's approach to alleviating hunger and poverty through the management of resources, whether natural, fiscal or human, speaks deeply to my objectives. My diverse skillset, sense of resourcefulness and gusto would benefit WhyHunger's vision of ensuring "universal access to nutritious and affordable food".

My previous experiences have advanced my knowledge in natural resource management, community development and organizational networks. I wholeheartedly welcome the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications, as I am confident that my background in and dedication to poverty and hunger alleviation would be of great value to WhyHunger and the communities it serves. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With great enthusiasm,

Your Name