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Dear Maddie,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to enter your work place and learn about what you all do on a daily basis. I enjoyed learning about this because I never thought about working in law. For instance, I didn't know that the MCAS could be related to law. I agree with the people who think that MCAS shouldn't affect whether or not you graduate. I think that people should be able to graduate based on who they are and what they've learned — not off standardized testing.

One of my favorite parts about the law firm was the tour. It was such a nice and well taken care of building. I liked how you have a wall dedicated to the LGBT community and to other people connected to Foley Hoag who have done great things. When it comes to law careers, mostly I'd only heard of male, white lawyers. It was new and kind of surprising — even though it should be — to see Latina, an Indian, and a Vietnamese female lawyer. It felt really good to be in an environment that gave women of color opportunities that other law firms might not.

This is important to me as I go into high school because I have to start thinking about what I want my future to look like, so exploring law was helpful. I learned how a law firm works and how specifically Foley Hoag was developed. I also learned how long college was for certain people in different positions. I don't think it's fair that people have a different amount of time for college. I feel like it would be easier to move between positions, they would already have that knowledge. If it is somebody's dream, 7-8 years of school shouldn't be looked at a lot. It would be an investment in their passion.

If I ever do get into law, I know the different positions in a law firm. Learning about Foley Hoag will help me if I know where a welcoming law firm is located.

Thank you again for this opportunity, this workshop was one of the best ones yet because I had great conversations with you all and you were so welcoming. This workshop made me feel extremely comfortable. I appreciate you all for that and for taking the time out of your day to teach us. I hope to see you all again.

Sincerely,  
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