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Dear Co-Director:

I was drawn to the position of Administration and Operations Fellow at the Hive Fund for Climate and Gender Justice because of the opportunity to get involved in bringing together my two areas of undergraduate study: gender studies and environmental studies. In my previous research of mainstream companies approaches to environmentalism, I have felt as though considerations of social justice are far too often absent from their works.

It was through my studies that I began to understand the inextricable link between environmental degradation and its social, economic, and cultural effects along lines of gender, race, class, ability, and sexuality that are caused by this degradation. I believe that through my academic focuses in these areas, I would be a great fit for this position. I have gained an interdisciplinary understanding of environmental issues which I believe would make me a great candidate for this position. I feel as though the skills I have gained through my educational and work experiences would be highly valuable to this role as administration and operations fellow. I pride myself in my social abilities, being able adapt to social situations and bring a sense of personability to all my interactions — which I believe would translate wonderfully to event organization and planning aspects of the position. I am also comfortable managing multiple projects at once through my experiences educationally and within the workplace. While I have plenty of experience working independently and have taken on roles of leadership, I also enjoy working collaboratively to produce projects and am happy to take on a variety of roles.

Areas of environmental justice I am particularly interested in include water access, women's and youth's roles and experiences in climate change resistance efforts, and the effects of the climate crisis on housing. Much research I have explored through my education has revolved around these issues that I am very keen on being involved in creating change in.

I am very interested in making environmentalism more socially just and am eager explore perspectives on environmentally and socially sustainable practices under the guidance of those experienced in the industry. I would love the opportunity to contribute to gender and environmental justice.

Sincerely,

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