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Dear Mr. Berndt:

I would like to thank you for your generosity in funding the Cockrell School of Engineering scholarship. I am a recipient of the 2023-2024 Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administration Endowed Scholarship in Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering scholarship.

I was born in Houston Texas and have always been raised near the city. I am currently living in Cypress Texas, where I attended Cypress Park High School. In high school I was a member of the Technology Student Association (TSA) and a cheerleader. My appreciation for engineering came from the various engineering electives and from being part of TSA. I had the chance to build many projects, my favorite was building and racing a go-kart.

I am currently an uprising sophomore majoring in civil engineering. Civil engineering captivated me because of how varied and creative it is, and how it makes substantial impacts on communities. I have been involved in the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), and part of the Ramshorn Scholar Program. I look forward to this upcoming 2023-2024 term to gain more experience, acquire an internship and be closer to becoming an engineer.

Thank you once again for your contribution to the Cockrell School of Engineering Scholarships. I am very grateful to be granted this financial support. This scholarship has allowed me to worry less about covering costs and focusing on my education. Thank you for assisting me in my professional career, this means very much to me and my family.

> Sincerely, Alexa Gutierrez