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## **Final Report**

Throughout seven months in Argentina, and as a Princeton in Latin America fellow at Human Rights Watch and at the Center for Freedom of Expression and Access to Information at the University of Palermo Law School in Buenos Aires, I was fortunate to become integrated into a network of people both in and outside of work that made my professional and personal experiences in Argentina both memorable and invaluable. I made lasting connections with my fellow Princeton in Latin America participants, with my colleagues at Human Rights Watch both in and outside of Argentina, and with those based in Buenos Aires at Human Rights Watch and the Center for Freedom of Expression and Access to Information. While also solidifying and strengthening my Spanish proficiency and fluency, my work with Human Rights Watch and with the Center for Freedom of Expression and Access to Information has at the same time exposed me to a wide range of international human rights issues which have informed the views and experiences I will bring with me to law school this fall, where I intend to pursue my studies and a career in criminal litigation and international law. Given that each of my host organizations addressed human rights issues in Latin America from a unique perspective, working with both at once has taught me about the pros, cons, contrasts, and inner-workings of and differences between the research and reporting activities of an international non-profit like Human Rights Watch, and of a university research center like the Center Freedom of Expression and Access to Information.

My responsibilities at Human Rights Watch ranged from daily media monitoring of Latin American newspapers for critical human rights issues, investigating and reporting on emerging issues in the press, to watching for critical developments in the field of human rights in Latin America. I participated in writing and translating reports, briefs filed before Latin American courts, and conducted interviews with victims of human rights abuses and activists in this field. At Palermo Law School, I worked with the center's director and staff on researching, drafting, and translating a variety of texts, articles, and documents for publication or distribution in the academic community focused on these issues. Over the course of the final three months of my fellowship, I was fortunate to have two additional Human Rights Watch colleagues join me on the ground in Argentina. Working with them each day not only helped additionally incorporate me into the organizations, but also was invaluable for the progress I made in my conversational and academic Spanish.

The past seven months provided me with an invaluable view into the world of international human rights advocacy and research, and it helped prepare me with a diverse set of experiences and nuanced perspectives that I will take with me to my upcoming matriculation at law school and to my future career as a lawyer. From the rights of indigenous peoples, freedom of expression, access to information, and women's rights, to the corresponding government censorship of media and human rights activists or journalists in the region, I have learned a great deal about the diverse issues facing Latin America today in the realms of human rights and civil liberties and the organizations that are working to improve these conditions and find remedies to

these problems. Thanks to the Jennifer Jessica Cohen Foundation, I was able to participate in this life-changing international work experience through Princeton in Latin America in Argentina this past year.

Thank you again for supporting my work.

Sincerely,  
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