# [DATE]

RE: F-1 Reinstatement--[YOUR PASSPORT NAME] [YOUR DATE OF BIRTH] [YOUR SEVIS ID]

To Whom It May Concern:

#### [FIRST PARAGRAPH]

Explain why you entered the U.S., in what status, and why. Explain what you have been doing since you arrived in the U.S.

# [SECOND PARAGRAPH]

Explain why you are out-of-status and when the violation of status occurred.

# [THIRD PARAGRAPH]

Explain how you feel that (1) your violation of status was due to circumstances beyond your control <u>or</u> (2) that your failure to maintain status would cause extreme hardship on you.

## [FOURTH PARAGRAPH]

Explain why you are eligible for reinstatement. Note, you are only eligible for reinstatement if:

- You have not been out-of-status for more than five (5) months, or demonstrate exceptional circumstances if you have been out-of-status longer
- You are currently or will be a full-time student
- You have not worked illegally
- You have not done anything else to violate your status
- You do not have a record of repeated or willful violations of your F-1 status

## [FIFTH PARAGRAPH]

Reaffirm your non-immigrant intent by stating what your plans are following the completion of your degree--this should include returning to your home country.

Sincerely,

[TYPE YOUR NAME] [SIGN YOUR NAME]