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Dear Mr. Gleydura,

It was seven years ago that I was laid off from my job with a large consulting firm. It took me five years to realize I had to re-enter college to earn a higher education degree. An Associate's Degree just didn't work for employers in today's economy. What happened to the economy that my degree or experiences weren't enough?

I propose a 2,500 word interview with other area women adult-learner students, focusing on how they managed to retrain themselves through college and still maintain families. Like myself, I am looking to find others whose employment changed because of the local economy. What happened to cause these individuals to return to college? Have they been successful in attaining gainful employment? How long has it taken them from their last employment to be rehired? Looking back, what could they have done to change the process? Are they happy and why?

Also included in this story, I would like to look at how the economy has helped or hindered women in the working world, specifically in the Cleveland area. With the upheaval of companies in general, and those major companies located in Cleveland, this story has a local flavor worthy of writing and reading.

Upon acceptance, a rough draft can be ready within four weeks. The format for this story can be flexible to the magazine's needs.

I am also including my resume for your review. I have experience with editing, writing and proofreading, along with technical writing and grant and proposal writing. I am currently a senior at Cleveland State University, looking to graduate in May 2008. Writing samples from my educational history, along with my past employment experiences can be found at my Web site: eportfolio.cathyhennes.com.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Hennes