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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, those people who lost their jobs due to reductions in force because of the economy, focusing on how they manage to retrain themselves through college and still maintain families. Like myself, a person laid off from Ernst & Young in 2001, I am looking to find others whose employment changed because of the local economy, specifically from companies like Progressive, National City, and Ernst & Young. As an individual from Progressive who lost your job, how do you feel about the company spending the money that would have been spent on your salary to pay for naming rights to a professional baseball stadium? Do you think you'll ever be rehired? After returning to college, do you think this is the right thing to do?

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

Upon acceptance, I can prepare a rough draft, ready for review 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.cathryhennes.com](http://eportfolio.cathryhennes.com).

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Hennes