

Commissioner,

I hope this note finds you having a great holiday weekend. I am getting in touch to share with you my recent personal experience with the Hempstead Works program and staff.

I am a 40 year old happily married parent who has been gainfully employed my entire life in the finance industry. In the early summer, I became unemployed. My first consultative appointment brought me to Hempstead Works in early August. Although I was open to assistance, I viewed this visit as a formality. As such, I entered Hempstead works with moderate expectations. My first appointment was with a charismatic and extremely helpful person, named Tara Crossman. She quickly brought me up to speed on the capabilities and available resources for those eager to continue their career paths and get employed. The most crucial piece of advice she gave was that I contact and meet with Abe Sabbas.

Abe did it all! He gave thoughtful and credible advice about interview preparation, salary negotiation, and a host of other crucial topics. He was highly responsive to my timely questions and proactive in his communication with me. He became a confidant and trusted friend. I feel very fortunate to have met Abe and been the benefactor of his tutelage. He acted as a true coach and mentor. As of today, I have started my new role in finance at a highly reputable firm. For the people that take the time and interest to utilize the Hempstead Works resources, a great solution awaits for their career path. I am an example of that.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and properly acknowledging your team for their great work and solid effort.

Regards,

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