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I have grown to appreciate this internship even if it had difficult moments. Over the last 50 hours, I spent time creating and reviewing policy, taking criticism on the policy I created, and modifying it as I went. Even though I was working hard on this internship, I was still able to work hard on my other internship and the new part-time job I picked up along the way.

Policymaking took a lot more research than I anticipated; I was responsible for essentially creating a code of conduct for the Earth Viability Center. The Earth Viability Center is global rather than national, meaning I could not simply apply American standards to copyright policy, for example. I had to research how other countries interpret copyright and synthesize a policy that could be understood by many users. Finding a middle ground that could be applied to everyone was very difficult, as, depending on the country, the copyright system was a near contradiction compared to the United States. I appreciated that experience as my main career goal is to be a Cybersecurity consultant for healthcare, and this in-depth policy research and creation will be the main task for my job. Especially

since any policy I create must be convenient and usable for healthcare staff while still complying with HIPAA regulations.

One thing I still struggle with is pushing through my own disappointment. I have a research assignment I assigned myself to see what ways there are to keep messaging history and data secure. Over the last few weeks, I have been pedantic about the details, scrapping it and rewriting it multiple times, looking through the several sources I have found with scrutiny, and I simply am not satisfied with it. I have to upload it eventually; otherwise, all the work was for nothing, but it is hard to push past my disappointment and see it through to the end.

In conclusion, I have gained insightful practice for my future career and am trying to figure out how to bypass eventual struggles I will have. I will figure out a way, even though I am disappointed in my work, to push through and turn it in before the deadline, as in the real working world, deadlines are essentially law.