

Dear Mr. Gillam,

Thank you so much for the time and effort that you spent sending me to the 79th session of the California Boy's State. Your choice and investment in sending me to the program was definitely worth it. I had an unforgettable and life-changing week up at Sacramento State, meeting new friends and getting firsthand experience of how the real government of the state of California operates. It was a great time of learning and fun, having to organize an autonomy within one's own city, as I was elected the position of city treasurer. I learned the essential skills of keeping track of our city's files and maintaining a balanced budget throughout the entire week. Although it was sometimes a hard task, it taught me to be responsible and held accountable with what I am assigned. The many party meetings and general assemblies were eye opening to how party affiliations can create tension as well as excitement. All in all, I am very appreciative of your investment in the lives of young boys like me, hoping to help the next generation be informed and active in some type of civil service. I have learned what it means to truly respect our authorities as well as the numerous veterans like you, who have risked their lives in order to protect the freedom that we enjoy in our country. For that, I am sincerely grateful.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".