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Dear Family and Loved Ones,

As you know I recently graduated from law school. I am so happy to have completed one of my goals. It was no easy process but with your love and support, I now hold a juris doctor degree. But, my journey to become a lawyer is not yet over. I must pass a state bar exam before I can call myself an attorney and practice law.

You may not be aware of the sheer volumes of information that I will have to read, understand and memorize before I am ready to sit for the bar exam. I know how smart you think I am, and your confidence will be one of the things that fuels me during my bar study. Please know that there are subjects on the bar exam that I did not take in law school. In less than three months-time, I will have to learn these new subjects while reviewing all that I learned over the last three years. I know that it will be difficult for you to understand the amount of time and concentration required for me to learn all I need to know to perform well enough to pass this test.

It is hard for me to tell you that I am scared of failing the bar exam. My law school GPA and my past accomplishments do not guarantee that I will pass, and they do not make the test any easier. Every year there are thousands of people who fail the bar exam. I do not plan to be one of these people and that is why I need your help.

My life will be different as I embark upon bar study. You will not see me as often as I'd like, even if we live together or nearby each other. I cannot return your phone calls or answer texts. My social media presence will be limited. I need you to excuse me and understand if I miss major life or family events, like weddings or family gatherings that occur during bar study. This is because I am totally committed to doing everything it takes to pass the bar exam and to become a knowledgeable and competent attorney.

This journey will be difficult for both of us, but I am counting on you to be strong when I cannot. Please explain to others why I cannot participate in events or help with errands as before. Please don't place any expectations on me other than studying. Please know that bar study is so intense that I may need you to help me by providing occasional prepared meals or restaurant gift cards. I could always use your financial support as bar review courses, supplemental bar workshops and bar tutoring are very expensive. Cash will be a great help for the week of the bar exam and my travel and lodging expenses.

I love you and I know that you love me too. Your gift of silence and compassion will make a world of difference. Although I'd much rather spend my time with you, this temporary sacrifice will leave me with a law license that I can use for years to come to help you and so many others.

I appreciate your support and understanding.

Respectfully yours,

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