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Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Dear Senator Murphy, Hello, my name is Layla Lopez from Charles Wright Elementary School. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream means a lot to me because he fought for equal rights and in today's world, his speech is still powerful. It is important to me that everyone in my community treats one another with respect. My dream is to be a famous soccer player like Megan Rapinoe. She is #15 on the United States soccer team. For many years, women did not receive the same pay as men players. I feel strongly about women's rights and equal salary. Women deserve the same respect as men players and after many negotiations and no backing down from the women's team, the men and women's team will be offered the same contract. Rapinoe's advice is the following: "Do not back down, you're probably going against your employer or your boss and it can be very daunting, but believe in yourself and believe in what you're doing and just don't back down." Megan Rapinoe and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. both fought for equality, and I believe that should be what everyone does. Stand up when something is wrong, for what you believe in. Voice your opinion when you know it matters.

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