Dear Judges,

My name is Abdullah Mokhtar and I'm currently in 12th grade finishing up highschool. For the past few years, I've felt sympathy for the poor. It all started back when I was in middle school during a car ride with my family. We stopped by a gas station and as I looked out the window, I noticed a man looking thoroughly through each and every garbage can trying to look for food to which he couldn't find any. I've always heard about the suffering of poor people but haven't seen it myself. Ever since that day, I knew how much the poor people were suffering and how fortunate I was to have food, shelter, clothing, and more. This is why I chose to do my project on alleviating poverty; I wanted to find a solution for the sufferings of the poor. My project focuses on identifying who is poor and some ways to reduce the amount of poor people in the world. One thing I did learn from working on this project is to never give up. There were so many times when I had hit a wall and couldn't continue any further. During those times, I would encourage myself to keep on going no matter how tough it may be. I thought to myself that my project might be able to make the world a better place one day. I want to thank the judges for taking the time to listen to my presentation and recommend any changes. Doing so would allow me to improve my project and get rid of any flaws it has. Thank you so much for your time and effort, it means a lot to me.

Sincerely,

Abdullah Mokhtar