Peer Review Worksheet for Social Justice Letter

Name of author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of reviewer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Introduction: How does the first paragraph introduce both the **problem** the author is planning on discussing and the **solution** for the problem? Is the first sentence attention-getting and relevant to the topic? Where does the author set up their **ethos**?

2. What can you identify as a **thesis statement**? Suggest, if possible, a way to improve the introduction or thesis statement. Is the **thesis statement open or closed**? (Does it point to the examples in the body paragraphs?) Offer examples of how to revise.

3. Structure: Can you identify the organization of the paper from the main idea of each paragraph? What are the main pieces of evidence used to support the author’s solution? Does each paragraph make a relevant point that is distinct from what has already been covered?

4. Rhetoric: Where does the author evoke pathos? How does the pathos seem specifically aimed at their audience?

5. Clarity/Style: Did you find distracting grammar, punctuation, spelling, or word usage problems? Circle them and identify any patterns or themes you detect. Is the tone of the essay formal? If you find awkward sentences, try to explain why they don’t make sense to you.

6. What is/are the paper’s greatest strength(s)? Explain.