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Dear Lucid Hiring Manager,

I believe that people are engineered to experience a variety of motivations and mental states throughout their careers. There are times to be compassionate, competitive, eager, and satisfied, but these often cannot be boiled down to a single form of expression. Being so early in my career, I do not anticipate feeling satisfied for many years to come, but I am looking to satisfy the needs of Lucid & certain aspects of my career within my next role. Lucid needs strong developers to stay current, relevant, and prosperous in today's world. I intend to become that strong developer.

Who I am as a developer begins with my fear of technology at a young age. Being the youngest of six, my time driving or "in the seat" was virtually non-existent, which led me to avoid computers at all costs. My avoidance continued throughout my primary education, but I had the privilege to improve upon my weaknesses when I arrived at college. I made a decision- I took a step. I began by serving as a TA in accounting information systems, and with persistence, I started my career at PwC. It was then that I realized progress is incremental- I had come a long way but had much to improve upon. I found that yet again, my technical acumen was lacking. So, I made a decision; I took another step. As I was new to all types of software, I had the momentum to learn quickly. I earned my core and advanced certifications in Alteryx, a data analytics software, ranking amongst the top 100 users in PwC.

I realized then that I had a passion for technology, and decided to completely reorient my career from an auditor to the more technical role of a data analyst. I accepted a position as the lead data analyst for PwC's global digital transformation program *Digitise the Network*. I was exposed to many facets of technology within this new role, yet I felt unfulfilled by all that I had yet to learn and understand. So, I made a decision; I took another step. I transitioned into the University of Pennsylvania's full-stack coding boot camp. Here I learned how to make web applications from concept to delivery. More importantly, I realized that I have the ability to learn any new technology/language/framework at a pace and depth that is not typical.

I spent years avoiding my fears, but have made intentional choices to not only overcome but orient my life goals and passions around them. I believe that there are no upper limits on the strength gained from overcoming your fears, and my continuous efforts distinguish me from other candidates. I want to bring these strengths to Lucid and I ask for the opportunity to be challenged as a developer in return.

Sincerely,

Jay Rodriguez