Hiring Manager
Program Development and Support (PDS)
Healthcare and Insurance (HI)
U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Data Scientist position (Position 24-SDI-DATA-SCI-JRT-SPLASH) within Program Development and Support (PDS) at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), as advertised. With a robust background in data analytics and a proven track record of driving evidence-based decision-making, I am confident in my ability to contribute significantly to your team.

As a seasoned Data Scientist with over six years of experience, I have honed my skills in leveraging complex analytics techniques, including machine learning, natural language processing, and artificial intelligence, to derive actionable insights from large datasets. My previous role at CrowdStreet, where I served as a Product Analytics professional, equipped me with hands-on experience in using data science tools such as Looker, AWS, Snowflake, and Data Studio.

In my capacity as a Data Science Fellow at Springboard, I am currently undergoing an immersive certification program focused on machine learning, data science, and statistical analytics. This program has not only enhanced my proficiency in Python, SQL, and data analysis but has also provided me with the opportunity to develop in-depth portfolio projects showcasing my expertise in machine learning, data wrangling, and exploratory data analysis.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a keen ability to implement computational and machine learning algorithms to big data, providing valuable insights for strategic decision-making. My proficiency in scripted languages, including R, Python, SQL, and JavaScript, aligns seamlessly with the common data science tools mentioned in the job description. Additionally, my experience in developing and maintaining effective working relationships with cross-functional teams positions me well to collaborate seamlessly with the Healthcare and Insurance team at OPM.

I am particularly drawn to the mission of PDS, which involves research, analysis, and the use of data science tools to inform evidence-based policy-making for Federal insurance benefits. My experience in optimizing marketing campaigns, conducting product analytics, and implementing user-centric visualization solutions aligns directly with the duties outlined in the job description.

I am excited about the prospect of contributing my expertise to the dynamic and impactful work carried out by Program Development and Support. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences align with the goals of your team.

Sincerely, Joshuaw Dandridge