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Hiring Manager
Instacart

Dear Hiring Manager,

I was excited to find that Instacart was looking for help with the Checkout Experience team. With over fifteen years of experience in software engineering, coupled with a strong background in leading cross-functional teams to design and implement scalable systems, I am eager to contribute to the team that is enhancing the checkout journey for millions of customers.

In my most recent role as a Senior Software Engineer at Firehydrant, I led several initiatives focused on improving scalability and performance. My experience spans multiple technologies, including Ruby and Go—both of which I see as essential to Instacart's tech stack. I spearheaded a major Ruby upgrade across teams, ensuring smooth integration of new features and addressing performance bottlenecks. Additionally, I worked extensively with Docker and containerized environments to streamline deployments and ensure the reliability of high-volume systems, similar to the needs of Instacart's checkout platform.

Mentoring junior developers and promoting best practices has always been a passion of mine. At Bold Penguin, I ran a biweekly meetup on testing strategies, helping to foster a culture of maintainability and high standards. I also collaborated with multiple stakeholders to optimize and advance a custom business rules engine, which improved performance and scalability for onboarding new clients. This experience of leading projects and mentoring aligns well with Instacart's focus on building an exceptional checkout experience while driving team growth.

My technical expertise, combined with a strong foundation in systems architecture, makes me confident in my ability to provide technical leadership on initiatives that will improve Instacart's customer experience. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to a company that is transforming the grocery industry and delivering essential services to millions.

Thank you for considering my application. I would love the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with Instacart's goals. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to your team.

Sincerely,
August Lukens