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Dear HESAA Hiring Committee,

As a creative multidisciplinary with an eye for design, I was excited to learn of an open opportunity for a government-level web development position in New Jersey. My journey has been academic, personal, and professional, with my experience ranging from community collaboration to development in an office setting. Since graduating with an Associate's Degree in Interface Design and Web Development, I have spent the last three years working as the sole web developer at the state-funded Raritan Public Library.

My time working with the Raritan Public Library has been spent focusing on redesigning and maintaining their previous website (design and functionality circa 2008) and bringing it up to date with modern browser standards- aesthetics, SEO, and accessibility. The mobile-first designed website was written from the ground up in vanilla JavaScript, Stylus, and Pug. Additionally, I created a suite of auxiliary Bash scripts that automate back-end tasks and generate monthly analytics. I have also contributed my design talent to an undergraduate club and community at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Using React and TypeScript, I have collaborated with other contributors to create an application that sees frequent use at tournaments with over 100 participants.

As a lead web developer with significant experience in the public sector and a strong passion for design, I would love to continue my journey working for New Jersey and serve my community. Both my professional and personal work has prepared me for an opportunity as such, and I am eager to hear back from your hiring committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Gunning".

Spencer "CERiNG" Gunning