Dev/Ops Engineer at Big Cartel

Dear Big Cartel Hiring Team,

I'm Clayton Parker, applying for the Dev/Ops Engineer position. As an Infrastructure Engineer with over 20 years of experience, I'm drawn to Big Cartel's mission of empowering independent creators with tools that let them sell their stuff without selling their soul.

My experience maps well to what you're looking for. At Maxwell, I operated and deployed Ruby on Rails applications across multiple product lines, reduced infrastructure costs by 60% through resource optimization, and accelerated deployments from hours to minutes through automation and self-service tooling. I have deep Linux systems expertise and a strong background in configuration management and infrastructure automation. My work has consistently focused on reliability, security hardening, and improving CI/CD pipelines, all central to this role.

What excites me about Big Cartel is that you're a small, independent, bootstrapped team doing meaningful work. I've spent much of my career at smaller companies where wearing multiple hats and collaborating closely with developers is the norm, and that's where I do my best work. Your focus on keeping things simple and affordable for creators resonates with my own preference for straightforward, well-automated infrastructure over unnecessary complexity.

I'd welcome the chance to help keep Big Cartel's platform fast, reliable, and secure for the artists and makers who depend on it.

Best, Clayton Parker