Dear Laurie,

I remember the first time I was at New Relic where I met Jonan with his loud, booming voice. (I will always associate New Relic with him.) He was nice and gracious. At OSCON, I met several New Relic employees who were so great and took time to answer all of my questions. Part of what excites me most about working for New Relic as a Technical Support Engineer is the people I have met; but, also, technical support combines my full stack education with my decade of serving customers. I am a team player who goes above and beyond for my customers and colleagues.

For the past decade, I’ve worked in customer facing roles, including a seven-year stint bartending. I loved bartending because I love people and I love to serve. My next position, working for President Obama’s reelection campaign, was where the seed of my desire to code was planted. Also, the campaign worked like a startup with reported metrics, shifting priorities and, eventually, one hundred hour weeks. During my most recent position at Verizon Wireless, I took a front-end course at Thinkful.com. Alas, working forty-five to fifty hour weeks didn’t leave me with much energy to code. This is what led me to leave Santa Monica for Portland and learn to code full time.

I’m not gonna lie, Epicodus was not easy. I learned so much, so fast that, at times, it felt like drinking from the fire hose. But, I loved it. My favorite part of coding so far is testing. Perhaps my excitement threshold is low, but I get such a thrill when I see the green letters from a passing test in RSpec. It’s the little things in life.

I learned so much at Epicodus and judging by the description of the job, I’ll be learning even more. No matter what you assign me to do, I will do it with passion. And if it helps, I’d be happy to mix drinks after work, if you need.

Thank you,

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