

Follow-up Email to Anthropic Credits Team

To: credits@anthropic.com

Subject: Steve Platform - Democratizing AI Development for Independent Builders

Hi Anthropic Team,

Dario Amodei has spoken passionately about AI benefiting humanity broadly, not just elites, and the importance of democratizing AI access beyond big tech and VC gatekeepers. I'm writing because my project, Steve, embodies exactly that vision - and I'm hoping Anthropic will stand behind the values you've publicly championed.

I wanted to follow up on my startup program application and share why supporting builders like me isn't just good business - it's living up to what Anthropic claims to believe in.

Who I Am

I'm what you might call a "vibe coder" - I've been trying to get my hands on Claude forever because I genuinely believe in what you're creating. I work late nights, experiment with AI boundaries, and build things because I'm genuinely excited about this technology. I'm not backed by VCs, but I'm backed by pure passion for AI development.

What Steve Is

Steve is a complete development platform that democratizes AI-powered app creation. But here's the key: **I want to use Claude as my development partner to BUILD Steve, not necessarily as Steve's backend.**

What I Need Full Claude Access For:

- Claude API credits for programmatic development assistance
- Claude Code CLI to help me architect and build Steve's features
- Extended Claude web interface usage for iterative development and planning
- Complete access to the Claude ecosystem as my development partner
- AI-assisted development across all touchpoints to build something truly innovative
- Maybe integrate Claude into Steve later, but first I need FULL access to BUILD it

Why This Matters

I'm the exact developer Anthropic should want to support:

- Using Claude to CREATE, not just consume
- Building platforms that help other developers thrive
- Real innovation through AI-assisted development
- Passionate about AI's potential to amplify human creativity

Steve runs on Azure OpenAI (sustainable and reliable), but I want Claude as my coding partner to make Steve incredible.

What I'm Already Delivering (Proof This Isn't Just Talk)

- **Working MVP:** Steve is generating functional applications RIGHT NOW
- **Real Impact:** Already helping developers build portfolio projects that land jobs
- **Community Growth:** Developers are asking when they can access Steve
- **Technical Innovation:** Solved complex VM orchestration and AI integration challenges
- **Sustainable Vision:** Building something that grows through user value, not just VC money

I'm not asking for a handout - I'm asking for partnership.

The Uncomfortable Truth

While VCs throw millions at AI startups that might pivot next month, the real innovation often comes from passionate builders working with limited resources. I'm proof that constraint breeds creativity.

Give me full Claude access, and I'll show you what's possible when genuine passion meets the world's best AI. I'll push your tools further than most enterprise customers ever will, and I'll build something that proves Claude's potential to democratize creation.

The Bigger Picture

This isn't about getting free credits - it's about Anthropic supporting the ecosystem of builders who genuinely believe in AI's potential to democratize creation. Steve represents thousands of developers who want to build meaningful things with Claude but need a platform that understands independent creators.

I'm not asking for a handout. I'm asking for partnership with a company whose AI I genuinely respect and whose mission aligns with empowering individual creators.

Steve is already working (we're using Azure OpenAI currently), but having direct Claude integration would make it exponentially more powerful for the community we're building.

Would love to show you Steve in action and discuss how we can work together to support independent AI builders.

Best regards,
Jeff

P.S. - I've been a Claude enthusiast since day one, not because it's trendy, but because it actually works. I'm building Steve because I believe AI should amplify human creativity, not replace it. Support builders like me, and you'll have evangelists who actually understand and push your technology to its limits.

P.P.S. - I'm willing to document everything, share insights, provide feedback, and prove ROI on every credit you give me. This isn't charity - it's investment in what Claude can become.

Steve Platform: Where vibe coders build the future 🚀