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Hello, Hiring Team!

I am writing to express my interest in the open position and to highlight my extensive experience in software development, with a focus on high-quality and high-speed agile process, developer experience, CI/CD pipelines, Kubernetes/Docker, automated testing, and software development best practices. Over the past 5-7 years, I have been dedicated to improving developer productivity and advocating for automation, including leading a team in lifting and shifting a 500+-project portfolio from TeamCity/GitHub and Puppet to GitLab CI/CD and Kubernetes, while establishing off-the-shelf best practices and reusable build/deploy components.

Throughout my career, I have worn several hats, including hands-on Senior Developer, DevOps engineer, Dev Lead, Principal Engineer, and Solutions Architect. As a consultant in the Seattle area, I have helped companies strengthen their engineering practices through hands-on coding, seminars, presentations, tool and process evaluation, and code quality assessment. I am comfortable helping set engineering direction at the VP- and C-level.

I take pride in being an early adopter of technology that makes software development easier, more secure, and more productive. I implemented Hudson before Jenkins ever came along. I designed and coded Feature Flag systems before LaunchDarkly existed. I was adding SAST/DAST to pipelines before GitHub Actions was a product. This is all before we get into modern best practices, such as Container Scanning, Configuration Testing, IaC Scanning, Secret Detection, and the general idea of securing and hardening your Software Supply Chain.

I believe that my skills and experience make me an ideal fit for this role, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise to your team. I am confident that my passion for improving software development practices, along with my diverse skill set, will enable me to make a significant impact in this position.

Thank you for considering my application. I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and experience with you.

-- Dustin Barnes