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Dear Hiring Team,

Hi, how are you? My name is Juan Carlos Cattaneo. Please, allow me to tell you a little about myself so we can get to know one another. I was born and raised in Lima, Peru. I moved to the United States in 2011. When I arrived, I had 20 bucks in my pocket and I didn't speak English.

I have always been passionate about building and fixing things. As a kid, I disassembled almost every toy I ever had just to find out how it actually worked inside. Since then, I knew I wanted to become an engineer. A great teacher I had at Diablo Valley College convinced me that civil engineering was the right choice for me.

However, I had to teach myself English, while studying full time, and working full-time as a manager, in order to support myself and my family back home. It was a heavy load. So, I decided to change my engineering degree to business administration. After over 100 community college credits and two associate degrees in Economics and Business, I transferred to Cal State East Bay to finish my bachelor's degree.

In March of 2020, I found myself unemployed with nothing but time on my hands for the first time since moving to the United States. I realized it was my opportunity to continue pursuing my dream of engineering. I learned about App Academy, one of the top coding Bootcamp in the country. I worked to teach myself the basics of programming and then I got accepted! At the Bootcamp, I gained skills that allowed me to create things I only dreamed of. I learned languages for full-stack projects such as JavaScript, Ruby, CSS, and HTML. Frameworks such as React and Rails, which allow me to develop modern and scalable web applications, and several other technologies. Now, in CSU East Bay, I am learning Python and other technologies.

As a Full Stack Software Engineer Intern, I was able to participate in a project for a local business called Monas Burgers, where I utilized Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, React, Javascript and CSS. We were developing a fully responsive web application, to allow customers to navigate and order food from their website. I am currently working full time as a Front-end Software Engineer Intern at Carl Zeiss. I utilized React, Javascript and CSS for the most part of my day. This is probably the most challenging job I have ever had. I absolutely love it. This job has taught me how to be part of a professional environment, organize the work in the agile development methodology, and increase my programming knowledge about the best practices, such as DRY and unit testing. I am absolutely grateful to my manager and supervisor, my two mentors, who have supported me and guided me to keep pushing and challenging myself every single day.

I decided to become a Software Engineer to pursue my dreams, and I am very excited and motivated for this chapter in my life. I believe my resilient personality, hard work, and persistence will drive me to keep pushing towards my goal of always leaving everything better than I found it. I would like to be part of a team that gives everything to be better and doesn't settle, because it keeps dreaming bigger.