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## COVER LETTER

Dear Hiring Manager,

For the past five years I literally donated my body to science for the purpose of getting out of debt and saving up tuition to acquire a new skill set. I crisscrossed the country countless times in pursuit of clinical trials. I navigated my way through downpours and blizzards, spin outs and wrecks, professional rejection and personal heartbreak. All-too-frequent 21+ hour drives. 250+ days per year in a controlled environment doing not-so-hard time. (Think of living in a dorm with labs attached.) Thousands of blood draws for the hope of medical breakthroughs and a sizable nest egg.

Simply, it's been a bizarre and contentious journey to even begin learning code.

But learn code I did. After three years of online tutorials, one-on-one mentoring, a handful of open-source projects and a 9-week intensive boot camp in Rio de Janeiro, I am certainly ready to launch a career as a full stack developer. I've done a lot of growing on my own, but now I'm seeking a team to take me beyond the tinkering stage and keep me on the right path. I'm seeking secure employment and glowing references, and I'm determined to put in the due diligence to earn both. I intend to bridge this gap between learning and doing by giving my focus and dedication to those who will take a chance on me.

I've worked so hard just to get here. I'm looking forward to traveling farther, working smarter, living brighter.

Quo imus,  
Justin Holt