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To Whom It May Concern At Patch,

I am reaching out to apply to your job advertisement for Software Engineer as it sounds perfectly suited for my skill set and interests. Further, I admire the mission of Patch as a climate tech company and I am impressed with the characteristics the company has chosen to emphasize in this posting.

Review of Qualifications

I have held high seniority in my last three engineering positions. I have the depth of experience, discipline, cross-domain knowledge, and technical leadership required to succeed in both senior-level and staff-level engineering capacities.

Before I get into the minutiae of my employment history and current career search, I want to visit each bullet point in the position requirements to give a quick explanation of the way I satisfy it:

You Want...		I Supply...
You have significant years of software engineering experience	☑	I am a passionate, educated engineer with high standards cultivated through over 10 years of experience.
You have experience in or are willing and able to learn Ruby on Rails	☑	I have been writing Ruby code on a near daily basis since 2006. I have over 10 years of direct engineering experience on production-grade Ruby on Rails commercial applications.
You are eager to contribute to Patch's carbon removal mission	☑	I am both absolutely passionate about making progress in climate technology and deeply concerned about the looming implications of climate change. I would be thrilled to have a job that directly contributed to efforts to combat climate change.
You have a passion for collaboration and a history of establishing great relationships with design and product management teams across time zones.	☑	I have worked from home remotely for over 10 years for several different companies running the gamut from tiny to sizable. Over the past five years in particular, I have collaborated frequently across different teams and within domains with cross-cutting concerns. I have mentored more junior engineers, and I deeply value collaboration and warm, positive working relationships.
You are curious about constantly learning new things in a fast-paced startup environment.	☑	I have experience working for a tiny startup at eBackpack.com for over 5 years where three engineers had to address all aspects of development and operation. I am comfortable with small fast-paced startup environments.
You have a commitment to technical excellence, raising the bar, and delivering results.	☑	I maintain high standards in my coding work, as well as across the associated responsibilities of senior and staff engineers. I am also pragmatic and I am experienced enough to be able to make smart decisions that balance speed, quality, and maintainability given the requirements and goals of a feature project.
You are an excellent oral and written communicator.	☑	I take deep pride in my ability to speak articulately and communicate complex, nuanced concerns with knowledge and confidence. Further, I thoroughly understand the fundamental importance of strong written communication skills between engineers. I always to write with my audience in mind, fleshing out the appropriate level of detail needed for the reader.

<u>My Background</u>

I am a thoroughly experienced software engineer who strives to retain a growth mindset. Having worked in technology since 2006, I have learned to value quality, thoughtfulness, collaboration, and relationships with humans. My career spans many industries, including telecommunications, education tech, and gig economy markets.

I am a polyglot developer, able to write and understand many different programming languages and paradigms. I do my most substantial development in Ruby, JavaScript/TypeScript, and Python, with Ruby being my top expertise. I have written and maintained a wide gamut of code: quick-and-dirty scripts, polished command-line utilities, Linux packages, browser extensions, complex libraries, daemons, cron jobs, headless APIs, mobile apps, and production-grade web servers. I have successfully debugged, fixed, and prevented countless elusive bugs and obstacles.

For most of last year, I was a senior lead engineer at gig economy company Wonolo on its "Integrations and Internal Tools" team. Unfortunately, the recent unpredictable nature of the economy brought consequences for the business. In mid-April, Wonolo cut my team as part of a necessary reduction in force, and now I am back on the job market. I treasure the experience, growth, and friendship I acquired at Wonolo, and now I am eager to move into the next exciting career phase.

I am currently seeking a staff-level software engineering position at a small company where I may pursue some of the highest-quality engineering work of my career. Please review my attached resume and application. If you agree that I fit the profile and skills for the position, please get in touch with me and schedule a conversation. I am excited to explore my fit for this role with you.

Warmly,

Kyle Yetter