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To Whom It May Concern,

I found [this job posting](#) on DataDog's careers site and felt palpably excited. I would be a perfect fit for the position. I picked Ruby up in 2006 and quickly became a lifelong fan. Over the past 17 years, I have written scores of Ruby code, ranging from quick scripts to command line tools to intricate [open source gems](#) to [native compiled extensions](#) to complex professional web applications. I spent the past 10+ years of my career working on commercial Ruby on Rails applications with large and small teams of engineers. I have a strong understanding of the CRuby implementation and can grasp what is happening on a lower machine code level as the source code executes. I know community style conventions in and out and write clean, readable, thoughtful, idiomatic Ruby code.

And though I consider Ruby one of my top areas of expertise, a quick review of [my LinkedIn profile](#) shows I also have deep experience and training across multiple areas of the tech industry. I am a polyglot and programming language hobbyist comfortable writing code in many languages, including Python, JavaScript, C, PHP, and Perl. I learned about computer networking and internet protocols from my early time working for Sprint/Nextel. I mastered Linux and its associated toolchain as a senior system administrator at InMotion Hosting, a web hosting company. And I have worked as a developer and engineer for over ten years. I bring the strength of experience, critical thinking, and learning from prior mistakes.

At my most recent job, a gig-work company named Wonolo, I worked as a senior engineer on the company's internal tools and integrations team. Unfortunately, the current economic climate hit Wonolo pretty strongly, and the company let most of my team go as part of a reduction in force. Thus, I am currently seeking a staff or senior-level software engineering position at a company where I hope to produce some of the finest engineering work of my career.

I used DataDog extensively at one of my previous employers, TaskRabbit. I grew to love and appreciate the quality of the tooling DataDog provides. It was indispensable in many situations: debugging obscure problems in requests; analyzing application performance to make optimizations; measuring the success and usage of new features after release. I would be proud to be part of the DataDog team and contribute to its excellent set of products.

I want to note that I found this job from Google's career posting search engine while browsing positions explicitly marked as 100% remote. Thus, I am presuming this role is open to a remote worker from the US. However, the job description does not explicitly indicate that this is the case. I apologize if I am mistaken, and there are rigid restrictions that would disqualify me. I would also be an excellent candidate for virtually any Ruby-oriented positions at a senior-to-staff level at DataDog.

As a highly-skilled professional with deep technical knowledge and experience, I value quality, thoughtfulness, collaboration, and relationships with humans. Please review my attached resume and application. If you agree that I fit the profile and skills for the position, don't hesitate to contact me and schedule a conversation. I am excited to hear back from you.

Kind regards,

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