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To the Hiring Manager at Neuroqueer,

RE: Peer Coach Opportunity

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Peer Support Coach position at Neuroqueer, as advertised on Jora. As a queer, non-binary, neurodivergent person of color, I have lived experience with the challenges faced by marginalized communities and a deep passion for empowering others to live authentically. I believe my unique background, combined with my experience in peer support and community services, makes me a strong candidate for this role.

In a previous role as a Peer Support Group Facilitator at Thorne Harbour Health, I created a safe and inclusive space for 30+ LGBTQ+ individuals to connect and share their experiences. I facilitated the weekly group, provided resources, and mentored individuals through empathetic, non-judgmental, and respectful peer support. I have a strong understanding of the importance of creating an environment where people feel comfortable being themselves, free from the need to mask or advocate for their needs on their own, which aligns perfectly with Neuroqueer's mission.

I am also a skilled communicator and active listener, with a proven ability to build rapport and establish trust. In my experience as a Community Support Worker at Diamond Valley Community Support, I conducted over 400 client interviews, assessed needs, and connected clients with essential resources and support options. I am confident in my ability to support Neuroqueer's clients in safely using therapy equipment, encouraging them to build strength, and celebrating their progress.

I am particularly drawn to Neuroqueer's commitment to providing affirming, peer-driven support. I believe that lived experience is invaluable in this field, and I am eager to share my experiences and knowledge to help others navigate their own journeys. I am a compassionate and dedicated individual with a strong service focus, and I am committed to creating a positive and empowering experience for every client.

I am available to work the flexible hours offered and possess a current Working With Children Check, a National Police Check and a willingness to obtain an NDIS Worker Screening Check and . I am eager to learn more about this exciting opportunity and discuss how my skills and experience can contribute to Neuroqueer's mission.

Sincerely,

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