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Dear Gart and Stephen,

I was excited to see that Spoonflower is currently seeking an experienced Front End Developer. I hope you will consider me. My experience includes more than a decade developing and maintaining pixel perfect user interfaces for high volume corporate marketing sites, social media campaigns and a leading international online art gallery. Currently, I am a Software Engineer at Saatchi Art, part of Demand Media, in Santa Monica, CA. My responsibilities include maintaining and redesigning UI for all areas of the site and developing the front end for all new site features. Saatchi Art's mission is to connect more than 45,000 artists to buyers worldwide, so a polished and easy-to-use interface is essential. My current toolbox includes expert level CSS3 and HTML5, jQuery, JavaScript, PHP, Sass, Foundation 5, Bootstrap, Git and Grunt. I'm learning Angular and open to learning more Ruby. Before joining the team at Saatchi Art, I was the Lead Front End Developer at StudioGood, in San Luis Obispo, CA, and the Senior Web Producer at Apollo Interactive, in El Segundo, where I lead a team of four Front End Developers in redesigning and maintaining the UI for a number of large high-traffic sites. My major accounts included Jack in the Box, WellPoint, Curves gyms, and Chuck E. Cheese.

I thrive when working as part of a close-knit, collaborative Agile team, and I'm dedicated to producing elegant, user-friendly, responsive interfaces that showcase visual content in a simply and effectively, without overshadowing it. The creative focus and DIY nature of Spoonflower is very appealing to me, as is your effort to revitalize one of Durham's traditional industries in a new way. I grew up in Rock Hill, SC, and also lived in Chapel Hill for a bit in my twenties. My wife and I are planning to return to the East coast with our family soon, and the opportunity to work with you seems like it could be a perfect fit for my skills and interests. I am really looking forward to speaking with you and learning more about Spoonflower and the development team. My resume and a link to my portfolio are included for your review, and I am available to speak at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

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