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Dear Hiring Team at SMBC,

I am writing to express my interest in the Junior Software Engineer position on the Middleware/API team. With hands-on experience developing scalable APIs, a strong foundation in Java and object-oriented programming, and a passion for building scalable, high-impact systems, I am excited by the opportunity to help shape a modern digital banking experience.

As a Software Engineering Intern at the U.S. Department of Defense, I built tools that improved engineering coordination across teams, leveraging PostgreSQL and Docker to ensure robustness and scalability. My recent project was a Go-based REST API for real-time file conversions. This demonstrated my ability to design performant backend systems using concurrency and sound validation practices.

I'm drawn to this role not only for its technical demands but also for its collaborative, agile environment. I value working closely with designers, product owners, and QA teams to deliver clean, maintainable code—and I bring strong communication, initiative, and a team-first attitude to every project.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the chance to discuss how I can contribute to your team.

Sincerely,

Sammy Beard