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Dear Vertafore Team,

I have heard of great things about Vertafore and your development team after speaking with George Gabriel. The values and culture that Vertafore foster is what I am excited about and personally connect with. I learned that the best results are obtained by first understanding the client and their needs. I believe this value, along with my desire to learn alongside a driven team and embrace challenges, are what I can bring to the Vertafore's engineering team.

During my time at Galvanize's Software Engineering Immersive, I was a teaching assistant for Galvanize's Learn to Code Series. A month later, an opportunity was open for me to take over the program with two other classmates and be an instructor, a position I don't usually seek out. I accepted the opportunity to challenge myself to be in a position of leadership and teach. I thought back to all the ways that I have been taught code and applied those same styles and best practices to my students. For example, George has instilled in me the importance of writing clean code in order to ensure that our code is secure, reliable, and reusable. I was able to pass this objective on to those I teach in the Learn to Code classroom, knowing that I wanted to set them up for success from the beginning. This experience of leadership and teaching has taught me the importance of adaptability and willingness to take on a new position in order to help others grow.

When I was a Cognitive Therapist, my last case was a unique case as my patient was a patient recovering from a stroke. He had mild cognitive impairment, with the main issue being loss of speech. After spending a few days with him working on standard executive functioning and speech exercises, I dug deeper and learned that he loved to sing. I did some research on singing for speech therapy and started incorporating singing his favorite songs into subsequent sessions. After three months, he went from not being able to voice any words to forming sentences, halfway sang some of his favorite songs, and improved his executive functioning. This incredible opportunity not only taught me to take on and learn from new challenges, but also taught me that in order to best serve and obtain results we must first take time to understand the person and their needs. It is this same rewarding lesson, plus my desire to create, that led me to a career in tech, an industry that demands taking on challenges and quickly adapting to them.

Vertafore is always growing, innovating, and changing the way modern insurance technology works. This is a mission that is exciting and valuable to me. As a software engineer, it is my love for challenges, teamwork, and learning that makes me a great fit and addition to the Vertafore team. I am excited to discuss my qualifications as a Software Engineer to contribute to Vertafore's mission.

Sincerely,

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