Dear Dr. Gill,

While seeking work in the United States my current supervisor, and your former \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Dr. Jim Sawitzke, highly recommended your lab. After researching your work I am convinced I could make a contribution and would cherish the opportunity to advance the field of clean fuels and chemicals. Given the hands-on experience with recombineering and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dr Sawitzke has provided me, I wanted to inquire as to whether you are or will be looking for a research technician/assistant in the near future.

As a brief background: I completed my B.Sc. in Biology at the University of Marburg, Germany, before continuing with a M.Sc. in Biology and with a focus in Translational Biology at the University of Freiburg, Germany. During my M.Sc. I participated in a team to develop an affordable diagnostic tool for the international Genetically Engineered Machine competition. After my M.Sc. I joined Europe's flagship laboratory for the life sciences (EMBL) in Rome, Italy, where I work as a Technical Officer in the Genetic and Viral Engineering Facility with Dr. Jim Sawitzke.

Please find attached a cover letter with more information. I am happy to forward a CV or resume as well. Thank you very much for your time and consideration, I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Rabea Jesser