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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express strong interest in the research economist position at the RAND Corporation. I received my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Oregon in 2017, pursuing research in Industrial Organization and Applied Econometrics. I have since been employed at Sandia National Laboratories as a Senior Cybersecurity Researcher. During that time, I used and improved my knowledge of economic and statistical analyses while also developing skills relevant to cybersecurity. I gained greater understanding of cyber-attack vectors through cybersecurity training and further advanced those abilities through risk and resilience analyses of cyber-dependent systems and red teaming exercises. I also contributed to economic disaster analyses and built robust statistical models for a variety of applications, learning and developing new methodologies in the process. Each of these efforts involved working on teams with diverse backgrounds, drawing on many sources of expertise, and determining how to best synthesize various concepts into coherent framework to be used for robust analyses.

I look forward to applying my economic and statistical expertise and cybersecurity experience to diverse and challenging projects at RAND. I am excited to work together with talented teams with many specializations to arrive at novel and well-founded results.

Sincerely,

Taylor McKenzie