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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in a Legislative Tracking Research Role for FiscalNote. I am highly interested in this role because I already spend a lot of time keeping track of congressional legislation and American political developments as a concerned citizen. I would like to apply this passion and build upon my prior experiences in politics to a position that stresses providing accurate and unbiased information to those interested in the most recent American political developments.

During my two summers interning as a both a Campaign Organizer and Policy Researcher, I became well acquainted with policy developments going on at both the state and federal level regarding the key issues I was covering. For instance, as a Campaign Organizer, I became highly aware of the details of the Clean Power Plan so that I could engage with voters about the ways that Virginia could apply the plan at the state level. As a Policy Intern, I kept track of both the federal and state level funding that would be required to improve traffic and congestion in Northern Virginia. These roles helped me better understand how to engage with and understand specific legislative efforts going on at both the federal and state levels of government.

As a Political Science Research Assistant, I read hundreds of articles written in the lead up to elections in two African nations to determine whether the specific campaigns focused more on valence or position issues. This task required me to read election coverage from the two countries and code the characteristics of these articles into a spreadsheet. After coding the basic characteristics of the articles, I then wrote brief analytic summaries to highlight the most important pieces of information in each news story. Doing this research allowed to me to better my ability to code and summarize the key information in an efficient and timely manner.

I would like to apply my previous research and political experience to this role because I am highly interested in providing better information about the American political system to interested subscribers. Please consider placing me on your interview schedule. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Zachary Spahr