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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to apply for opportunities in Quality Assurance, Quality Engineering, or QA Automation. With more than eight years of progressive experience in software quality assurance, I have built a strong foundation in delivering reliable enterprise applications while continuously expanding my expertise in AI assisted testing, automation, and modern quality engineering practices.

In my current role as an IT QA Software Specialist, I partner with developers, product owners, business analysts, and stakeholders to ensure enterprise applications meet functional, regulatory, and business requirements. My experience includes test strategy, functional and regression testing, user acceptance testing, production validation, defect management, accessibility testing, and validating complex OSHA and regulatory reporting systems. I also leverage AI tools such as GitHub Copilot and generative AI assistants to improve test case development, documentation quality, and overall testing efficiency while contributing to Playwright automation initiatives.

Throughout my career, I have taken pride in supporting and mentoring junior QA professionals, interns, and new team members by sharing testing best practices, assisting with onboarding, reviewing test artifacts, and promoting a collaborative, quality focused culture. I enjoy helping others develop their technical skills while driving continuous improvement across QA processes.

What excites me most is the future of software quality. I am actively expanding my skills in Python, Selenium, Playwright, and AI driven automation because I believe artificial intelligence is transforming how software is tested and delivered. My goal is to combine strong quality assurance principles with intelligent automation to help organizations deliver software faster, more efficiently, and with greater confidence.

Beyond my technical skills, I bring strong communication, leadership, analytical thinking, and a commitment to continuous learning. I enjoy collaborating across teams, solving complex problems, mentoring others, and finding opportunities to improve quality through innovation and automation. I'm also the type of QA professional who can't help but notice when something doesn't quite work as expected, whether it's software or the self-checkout line at the grocery store.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background, leadership experience, and passion for AI driven Quality Engineering can contribute to your organization. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Derrick Watson