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Dear Director of X Early Intervention Agency,

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about myself and why I wanted to become a Social Worker. Looking back to when I was younger, I always felt that not only myself but my family needed more support than what we had to lean on. During my teenage years, I was raised by a single mother, who, may I mention, works hard and has always managed to figure it out. After graduating high school in 2019, I began my Bachelor's Degree in Education at Longwood University as a first-generation college student. During my freshman year, the Covid-19 Pandemic struck, and students were sent home in early March.

Transitioning into online classes that had been formatted for in-person sessions was very difficult. I initially went to college thinking I wanted to be an educator because I love kids. That time in quarantine at home gave me much time to self-evaluate and realize that teaching wasn't my passion. My passion is to help people. Therefore, I transferred to the Social Work Program, where I have found a dedication to working with children and families through my senior internship in Early Intervention. After commencement in May, I will begin my journey to further my education at Virginia Commonwealth University for their Masters of Social Work Advanced Standing Program.

I believe I would be a great hire for the position in Early Intervention. Having spent over 500 hours interning in E.I., I also learned a collaborative approach to providing therapy support services while working with a multidisciplinary team and applying theoretical frameworks such as the Strengths Perspective and Psychosocial Developmental Theory and using coaching models that apply to the Empowerment Theory. Using the General Practice Model, services can be best assigned after evaluation to determine strengths, demographics, developmental age scores, human diversity, and policy issues that impact the child and family being served. I am able to separate personal values and opinions in the field and when engaging with clients of all ethnicities, social class, and other demographics. I have am good at managing my time, being organized, and a quick learner.

I hope you will consider my passionate character, initiative to help serve the youth and families of our community, my educational experiences, and the skills I carry. I think I could thrive in your agency to help build a stronger community and build awareness.

Sincerely,

Hailee Sillett.