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Gwen Forbes, Hiring Manager
Department of Community and Human Services
301 King St
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am grateful for your consideration of my application, as I am highly interested in the Social Services Specialist I position in the Adult Services Division. I will soon be graduating from Longwood University with my Bachelor's in Social Work Degree as of May, 2024.

During my time at Longwood, I developed a passion for social work because the values align with my own, and it is a field in which empathy is a strength as well as a skill. I was also given plenty of opportunity to implement course content in the field by completing 680 hours in my internships. During these internships, I became increasingly aware of the growing needs of the older adult population. I interned at Centra PACE in Farmville, VA as well as Fairfax County Adult Services, which allowed me to practice case management and develop skills such as professional writing, advocacy, problem solving, and critical thinking.

I look forward to a future of serving older adults because I recognize that the living experience of the elderly population is unique, as they have additional barriers and vulnerabilities in comparison to younger populations. I look forward to discussing this potential opportunity further.

Warmly,

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