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Greetings Ms. Catherine Merrill:

I hope that this letter finds you well. I write to you in hopes of serving as a staff writer for Washingtonian Magazine. I am a DC-based journalist with an extensive background in content development and editing. I believe that I would bring valuable experience and insight to this team.

As a contributing writer to publications such as *Culture Hub by Bold Culture* and *Her Campus*, I have vast experience in pitching, researching relevant topics, working with a team and prioritizing deadlines. I currently serve as a member of the communications team at HealthHIV, which is a nonprofit that aims to advance care and health equity for underserved communities. Throughout the summer of 2021, I worked as a journalist and writer with *The Borgen Project*, a nonprofit dedicated to the eradication of global poverty. I am also the owner of a blog called *The Noir Thoughts*, where I cover topics such as entertainment, intersectional feminism, music and current events.

Through each of these positions, I have garnered much experience in the art of storytelling within an array of focus points. As someone with a wide range of interests, I completely resonate with the way in which Washingtonian Magazine conveys the inner workings of Washington, DC, while still displaying the city's rich and diverse culture. And as a self-proclaimed adventurer, I am enamored by the prospect of learning more about the DNA of the city.

With this in mind, I believe that my strong work ethic, dedication to journalism and ambitious nature would be a valuable asset to Washingtonian Magazine. If given the opportunity to work with this team, I would be able to advance my current skills while connecting with people whose hunger for true journalism is similar to mine.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Cory Utsey