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Dear Hiring Manager,

I have known Chris Lyons for the last 15 years as a friend and colleague at the United States Postal Service. During that time, Chris and I worked closely together on development projects. We became good friends who still collaborate on ideas even when on separate projects.

Chris possesses many admirable qualities. I have always been impressed with his positive attitude. You will never see Chris upset. To go with that positive attitude is a pleasant demeanor to co-workers at all times. I have never seen Chris say anything derogatory about anyone. Since he is genuine, his credibility with his peers is high. He is willing to lead or follow depending on whatever the situation requires.

Chris is one of the most talented developers I have worked with. He has the ability to think independently. It's cliché to say someone thinks outside of the box, when so few individuals actually do. Time and again, when a problem could not be solved with conventional techniques, Chris would amaze with a working solution that defied what I had thought I knew about solving problems.

Chris's technical skills include the standard Java/J2EE stack, javascript, etc.. However, I can comfortably say that you could throw him into any development situation with any set of tools and he will quickly learn the possibilities and restrictions involved in the effort. Before DevOps had a name, he was working through automating deployments and streamlining project efforts.

For me, working with Chris is a pleasure. He has all of the tangible skills an organization will be looking for. I highly recommend him for not only his technical ability in our profession, but also for his integrity, honesty and goodwill towards others.

Disclaimer: This letter is my personal view, I am not speaking on behalf of the United States Postal Service.

Thank you,



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