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Dear Manager/Recruiter,

Thank you for taking the time to read this general cover letter and allowing me to introduce myself.

With a career spanning over 30 years in the computer business, I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table. My journey began as a computer user over 40 years ago, most of which were online. Throughout my career, I've always prioritized computer security, a passion that led me to earn the title of Cybersecurity Engineer in 2017 after completing my master's degree in cybersecurity and information assurance. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

I was born and raised in Reykjavik, Iceland, zip code 108, to be more precise. After completing mandatory schooling, I went to a trade school and studied electronics for four years. I worked as an electronic technician for about a year before deciding I needed a bigger challenge, so I went to the US to study Computer Engineering. I graduated with a BS in Computer Engineering in 1994 and entered the workforce in the Seattle, WA, area where I had been attending school.

It would be 30 years before I returned to Iceland in 2020 and bought a condo in Garðabær. While in the US, I worked for giants such as Microsoft and T-Mobile US in all sorts of IT-related roles, including helpdesk, data center tech, network engineer, and cybersecurity.

While I used my Icelandic very little during those 30 years, I have managed to maintain it pretty well. My conjugations aren't always on point, and I tend to throw in English here and there, but other than that, I'm perfectly fluent in Icelandic. My Icelandic writing is a bit on the mangled side, so I write in English whenever I can get away with it. Hopefully, this is one of those occasions where I can slip by on my English. I am working on restoring my Icelandic, which has significantly improved since I moved back.

Regarding my writing style and ability to explain complex concepts in simple everyday terms, I point you to my blogs and books, which you can find on my side hustle site: <https://oruggtnet.is>.

Öruggt Net ehf is something I started after being laid off to have something to do while I searched for a new job as well as supplement my income. Additionally, it demonstrates my drive, ambition, etc., as well as a unique way to dive more into my skills and technological philosophies. After I find new employment, I hope to keep Öruggt Net going as a side hustle, but that is totally negotiable.