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Penetration Tester Cover Letter

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Hiring Team
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Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Civic Security LLC,

I am applying for the Penetration Tester contract with Northstar Civic Security LLC. I have eight years of experience testing external web applications, **REST APIs**, and public-sector systems. The chance to assess VT TRIPS and VT Haul Pass is especially interesting to me since my recent work has focused on state transportation, licensing, and citizen-service platforms.

In my current role, I lead **black-box testing** for **authenticated and unauthenticated** web workflows and REST APIs in production-like environments. I use tools such as Burp Suite, Nmap, Metasploit, and Wireshark to validate exploitability, trace packets, and preserve useful evidence. I have worked within **U.S.-based testing and data-residency controls**, including secure handling and destruction attestations for test information.

My reports rank vulnerabilities by risk and include exploit details, screenshots, reproduction steps, severity, and corrective actions. I have delivered initial findings within five business days and led **remediation retesting** with application owners and vendors. This work is rewarding because clear evidence helps technical teams fix issues and gives public-sector stakeholders a practical path to acceptance.

I bring **PMBOK-aligned** planning experience, including work breakdown structures, Gantt charts, schedules, quantified deliverables, and **acceptance criteria**. I produce client-ready materials in Microsoft Word, Excel, Project, Visio, and Adobe PDF. I would welcome the opportunity to help Northstar Civic Security LLC deliver a careful, well-documented assessment for Vermont.

Thank you for reviewing my application. I look forward to discussing how my testing and reporting experience can support this engagement.

Sincerely,

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