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Hiring Team
Northstar Meridian Financial Group
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Meridian Financial Group,

I am applying for the Cyber Security Engineer, VP position with Northstar Meridian Financial Group. Your focus on **security data pipelines** across **cloud and on-premises environments** fits my background in building dependable telemetry systems for financial services. I am interested in this role because it combines hands-on engineering, security operations, and data quality work in a regulated environment.

In my current role as Cyber Security Data Engineering Lead at HarborPoint Capital Services, I lead telemetry engineering for **SIEM monitoring**, threat detection, incident response, compliance reporting, and cyber risk visibility. I built Python and PowerShell utilities that validate JSON, XML, CSV, and log-based telemetry before routing it into **Azure Data Explorer** and **Log Analytics**.

My work has focused on finding and fixing the issues that can weaken security monitoring. I created checks for completeness, timestamp integrity, schema consistency, timeliness, and retention, then used **Kusto Query Language**, regular expressions, and schema mapping to resolve parsing defects and delayed events. I have coordinated onboarding with application, infrastructure, cloud, security, vendor, and business teams across network, endpoint, identity, application, and cloud sources.

I have seven years of experience in cybersecurity data engineering and security operations, including payment and banking environments. I bring practical experience with **telemetry gap assessments**, **infrastructure-as-code** workflows, operational documentation, and controlled releases. I would welcome the opportunity to bring this experience to Northstar Meridian Financial Group's Columbus team and help improve reliable security data for monitoring and response.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing how my background can support your Cyber Security Operations team.

Sincerely,

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