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Hiring Team
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Dear Hiring Team at Northbridge Financial Services,

I am applying for the Penetration Tester, VP position with Northbridge Financial Services. I have spent 15 years in penetration testing and security assurance across banking, payments, and regulated technology environments. The chance to help protect a financial institution through clear testing, practical risk advice, and strong partnerships is a natural next step for my work.

In my current role as Vice President of Penetration Testing and Security Assurance at Granite Harbor Bank, I lead assessments across web applications, mobile banking services, APIs, cloud workloads, and network infrastructure. I combine **manual exploitation** with automated scanning and **threat modeling**, then turn the results into clear findings for executives, developers, and technology risk teams.

Northbridge's focus on **penetration tests** and **code reviews** across **cloud environments** fits my background well. I have led secure code reviews, tested AWS and Azure controls, and built risk-based scopes that focus effort on the attack paths most likely to affect customers and business operations. I have used Burp Suite, Nmap, Metasploit, Nessus, and Kali Linux to confirm real exposure rather than rely on scanner output alone.

I would bring experience leading distributed teams, working with global and external partners, and improving service request and reporting processes. I have presented remediation options in terms that business and technical stakeholders can act on, and I have guided consultants through threat modeling, reporting, and retesting. I am interested in helping Northbridge strengthen its security assurance services and broader risk controls.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing how my financial services and security assurance experience can support Northbridge Financial Services.

Sincerely,

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