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Senior Penetration Tester Cover Letter

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Hiring Team
Meridian Cyber Advisory
Irvine, CA

Dear Hiring Team at Meridian Cyber Advisory,

I am applying for the **Senior Penetration Tester** role at Meridian Cyber Advisory. Your work helping higher education institutions and other organizations find and fix security weaknesses is a strong fit for my five years of consulting experience. I am based in Irvine and would welcome the chance to support a team known for client satisfaction, integrity, and technical excellence.

In my current role, I lead **web application**, **API**, mobile, and network assessments for clients in higher education, healthcare, and software. I turn each scope into a clear test plan, reproduce **common vulnerabilities** with useful evidence, and guide retesting through final validation. This work is rewarding because it connects technical testing to practical steps that clients can take.

Client-facing communication is a key part of my work. I present findings to engineers, application owners, and executives, using clear risk stories and prioritized mitigation plans for each audience. I write technical reports and executive summaries, then explain attack paths without losing the details that remediation teams need.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and the OSCP credential. I have used Burp Suite, OWASP methods, Nmap, Metasploit, and Python during consulting engagements, and I mentor junior testers through scoping, evidence review, reporting, and presentations. Meridian's range of clients and focus on practical security assessments make this role especially appealing.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how my consulting background can support Meridian Cyber Advisory's clients.

Sincerely,

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