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Cover Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tamara Vassileva. I became aware of the openings at Tailscale while looking around, and thought that I'd be an excellent fit for the Developer Advocate position. I want to transition into Developer Relations roles as I viscerally enjoy teaching and presenting information to others, and love learning and mastering systems.

I've spent a lot of my professional life documenting systems, and have always loved finding engaging ways of presenting information. I have always believed that if you can't explain something in a way that a layperson can understand it, then you don't understand it sufficiently well. I can confidently say that I could explain basic category theory to most anyone who asked, and am confident that I'd be a great addition to the team.

I've recently started a blog at https://rin.systems, where I document my various (mis)adventures in tech, and have found it both refreshing and fulfilling outlet to publish in a concise, yet fun format.

On the flip side, a lot of the work that I've done has been small-scale automation and proof-of-concepts. A proof-of-concept that I'm especially proud of was a path optimization tool that I wrote. The issue at hand was that a lot of person—hours would be spent on minimising the length of cable runs between access nodes, and there was no tool to automate this. I quickly realised that this was a travelling—salesman problem and whipped up a proof-of-concept in Haskell, as it seemed a good tool for the job, and later re-written into a python script to make it easier to maintain. The original Haskell script performed admirably on all the test data, and the python script performed only marginally worse.

For these reasons, I think I'd make a good candidate for the Developer Advocate position at Tailscale, and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely, Tamara Vassileva