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Dear Hiring Manager,

My name is Catherine Merritt and would like to express my strong interest in the speech-language pathologist position with CORA Services. I just graduated with my Master's degree in speech-language pathology from Salus University and am looking to complete my clinical fellowship year. I am in the process of obtaining my PA licenses. I am passionate about working with children with speech and language needs and I believe that my compassion, critical thinking skills, and clinical experience will make me an asset to this position.

During my graduate studies I had experience assessing and treating school-age children with various speech and language needs. At my most recent externship at an elementary school I led weekly individual and group sessions for children with autism spectrum disorder, apraxia, learning disabilities, and articulation and phonological disorders. I designed and implemented treatment plans that incorporate the classroom curriculum to support the students' access to education while meeting their speech and language goals. Additionally, I worked closely with teachers, parents, and school administrators in weekly meetings with the special education team. Previously, I was a student clinician at the Salus University Speech-Language Institute where I had a variety of disorders on my caseload. I worked on social skills with children on the autism spectrum and helped increase the vocabulary of a child with a language delay. One particularly rewarding case involved a child who had apraxia and used an AAC device to communicate. I would love the opportunity to apply the skills I have gained from these clinical experiences, as well as my classroom knowledge, to this position with CORA Services.

I am highly interested in this position and would love the opportunity to discuss it further. Please feel free to contact me by email at catherine.m.merritt@gmail.com or by phone at 540-588-6220. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

Catherine Merritt