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Company/Position:

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my curriculum vitae in consideration for the open position through your company. I have recently graduated from the University of Missouri with a Master's of Science Degree in Plant, Insect, and Microbial Science. Along with graduating, I have completed writing my thesis on the "Efficacy of Organic Herbicides in Agronomic Crops and Improvement of Soil Biota with Organic Production Practices." In addition to my academics, I have attended and presented at a few field days and conferences. I presented my research in 2017 and 2018 at the North Central Weed Science Society Meeting in St. Louis, MO and Milwaukee, WI. I recently gave an oral presentation at the ASA/ CSSA meeting in Baltimore, MD. I am confident that my skills will be well aligned with the company's expectations and needs and that I will make significant contributions.

As an undergraduate at the California State University-Chico, I was able to expand my knowledge in organic research and was the Variety Trials Manager in the Organic Vegetable Project located in the University Farm. I was responsible for growing varieties of seasonal crops and collecting data to determine varietal response to organic production in the California climate. I supervised both a research assistant and intern. While working in this position, I came to realize that I am committed and passionate about working with various cropping systems. My objective in every workplace is to go above and beyond what is expected and exceed expectations.

In addition to working in the state of California, I studied abroad and interned for New Zealand's largest apple exporter, Mr. Apple. While studying in New Zealand, I participated in a two week expedition in the Southern and Northern Islands to gain a sense of the culture and agriculture industry. While interning for Mr. Apple, I learned about the apple business, collected water samples, and tested for bacteria and pH levels. I inspected apples from other countries for specific pest and rot (apple leaf curling midge), tested sugar content and firmness, learned about the orchards and management practices, and had the opportunity work in their three packing houses in Hawke's Bay. Interning in New Zealand opened my eyes to new opportunities; it allowed me to develop an interest for agriculture in different parts of the country and world.

I believe developing new research methods can benefit the industry economically, sustainably, and environmentally. My proudest accomplishment was moving to the state of Missouri, where I

was able to work with hardworking and dedicated research colleagues who have a similar passion for agriculture and research as myself. I learned to provide support for my lab members and help them with their own personal projects. I have learned from them as they have learned from me; teamwork is very important to me and I enjoyed helping them advance in their studies and projects.

I want to continue to grow and share my knowledge and understanding of agriculture, while providing new tactics that can help farmers in the United States and other countries.

I hope my experiences and track record make me an excellent fit for this opportunity. I have enclosed my curriculum vitae for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me via email at a time of your convenience to discuss additional information or requirements needed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betzabet Valdez