

To Whom it May Concern,

Due to an extremely serious drug addiction, I have unfortunately accumulated two felony charges, one for acts of fraud committed in 2002 and one for a forgery in early 2003. The worst of these is my conviction of mail fraud for my activities while employed by the Microsoft Corporation - redirecting company software in an inappropriate manner. I struggled with heroin addiction for many years and I was in the depths of this addiction when these events occurred. I realize that nothing excuses what I did, but I have served my time and am free from drug addiction today. There is nothing I wish more on this earth than to be able to go back and not be a participant in the fraudulent activities. I will, for the rest of my life, regret betraying the trust of such a wonderful company and employer as Microsoft.

Coming to realize that a clean and sober life was indeed possible for me to live, I have undergone extensive drug treatment programs, and have been clean from all narcotics for close to two years. I am involved in the programs of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous and have managed to completely turn my life around. I was homeless, on the streets with a very serious drug addiction and have managed to change all that and become an honest, contributing member of society. My recent achievements include a 4.0 grade point average in my Computer Technician course at Seattle Vocational Institute along with participating in many projects in a work study capacity also at SVI. I enjoy working with animals as well, and have spent many hours volunteering at PAWS, the Animal Welfare Society up in Lynnwood.

I very much recognize that prospective employers may not be so eager to take a chance on hiring somebody with a past like mine. I simply wish to point out here that I have taken huge steps in moving forward with a successful, fulfilling and honest life. I very much would like an opportunity to continue on this path, and have many positive references - people who will generously attest to my accomplishments in the last two years. I am smart, very hardworking, and would be a positive, valuable addition to your business.

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To: Starbucks

I understand that you may have some concerns about my criminal history. A while back I began associating with the wrong types of people, lacked good judgment and lived a very irresponsible life. Today, I've learned from my mistakes of the past. Through hard work and counseling I have grown from a person who committed crimes to being a person committed to leading a productive, responsible and law abiding life; as my last and final conviction was in the year 2000.

With change being of utmost importance in my new life, I changed my peers from negative to positive, I changed my address and my lifestyle. Now, instead of allowing my past to determine my future, I am determined to continually make positive changes in my life, others' lives and contribute to the betterment of our community. My dedication to make a difference in our community and be of assistance to others is evident in the area of study I have chosen, as I am in the Social and Human Services program at Seattle Central Community College where I am currently on the Deans list.

If Starbucks can look past my past, to the person I've become and afford me the opportunity to become a partner, I know that I will meet and or exceed all of your expectations of me.

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I would like to take this opportunity to explain my felony conviction back in 2003. Prior to my conviction, I had a serious gambling addiction which led to my destructive behavior. Presently I have been attending Gambling Annoymous to control my addiction and to turn my life in a new direction for the better. As part of my recovery I feel strongly that I need a good job opportunity to help me be a more productive person and help contribute to society in a positive way. Thank you for taking my application into consideration.

Sincerely,