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Dear Pilot Recruitment Team,

I am writing to express my strong interest in your First Officer position. With over 16 years of professional flying experience and more than 7270+ total flight hours, I bring a well-rounded background in Part 121, 135, and 91 operations, along with a deep commitment to safety, leadership, and operational excellence.

Highlights of my qualifications include:

- 7272 total flight hours, including 5349 jet hours and 3,957 turbine PIC hours, flying throughout North America.
- Type rated as PIC in the Embraer 175/190, Embraer 145, and Cessna Citation 560 (CE560); SIC typed in the Learjet 45 (LR45).
- Successfully served as a Direct Entry Captain twice in Part 121 operations—on both the EMB-145 and EMB-175—demonstrating adaptability and leadership under pressure.
- Experience across a wide range of operations: airlines, charter services, and private aviation, providing a versatile foundation and customer-focused mindset.
- Proven leadership skills mentoring junior pilots, contributing to training and safety culture.
- Active contributor to aviation community through ALPA Security Committee, new hire mentorship, and other volunteer roles.

My goal is to grow long-term with a respected carrier, where I can contribute my command experience, strong decision-making, and dedication to operational integrity.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how my background and values align with your mission. I can be reached at 612-965 4201 or bryangranholt@yahoo.com to arrange a conversation at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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ATP-Certified Pilot & Captain with 16+ years of flight experience across Part 121, Part 135, and private aviation sectors. Over 7,270+ total flight hours with a strong safety record and operational experience in complex, high-volume airspace. Twice selected as a Direct Entry Captain in Part 121 operations, reflecting proven leadership, sound judgment, and technical proficiency. Committed to core values of safety, service, and operational excellence. Experienced in leading and mentoring flight crews, maintaining CRM best practices, and ensuring strict compliance with FAA regulations and SOPs. Dedicated to delivering a premium passenger experience while upholding the highest standards of professionalism, teamwork, and performance

### *Credentials*

Airline Transport Pilot: MEL, Instrument | CE-500, EMB-145, EMB-175, LR45

Certified Flight Instructor: SEL & MEL, Instrument | FAA First Class Medical

FCC Radio Operators Permit | Instrument Ground Instructor | UAS Remote Pilot | Valid US Passport

### *Flight Hours*

Total Time: 7272	Cross Country: 5993
PIC: 5558	Jet: 5349
Multi-engine: 5712	Turbine PIC: 3957

### *Professional Aviation Experience*

**Envoy Airlines**, Captain-EMB-175, Chicago, IL December 2022-Present

- Selected for the second time as a Direct Entry Captain under Part 121 operations—demonstrating advanced aeronautical decision-making, leadership, and adaptability with no prior experience on the EMB-175.
- Lead flight operations from pre-flight planning through arrival, ensuring the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and regulatory compliance.
- Coordinate closely with First Officer, flight attendants, dispatch, and ground personnel to guarantee a safe, on-time, and service-focused flight experience in adherence with all FAA regulations, company SOPs, and the Flight Operations Manual (FOM).
- Recognized for proven leadership in high-stakes environments, fostering strong crew resource management (CRM), and maintaining a culture of professionalism and operational excellence

**Kubick Aviation**- Captain- C441, Iron Mountain, MI June 2021-December 2022

- Captain for charter and private operations, delivering high-level service under Part 135 and 91.
- Operated a wide range of aircraft including Citation Encore, Cessna 441, Learjet 45, and various light GA aircraft for charter, repositioning, and maintenance flights.
- Logged time in 20+ aircraft types over the past year, demonstrating adaptability and broad proficiency.

**Debonair/ International Air Charters**, Captain- CE-560, Iron Mountain, MI Jan 2021-December 2022

- Operated Part 91 flights nationwide; served as company instructor and single-pilot endorsed Captain on Citation Encore, SIC on LR45.
- Provided lifesaving Part 135 transport for surgical teams during organ procurement missions across the U.S.

**Menards**, Captain- EMB-135, Eau Claire, WI Jan 2020 to Mar 2020

- Operated high-frequency regional flights (4–10 segments daily) from KEAU to destinations across the Midwest for a major retail chain.
- Managed all aspects of flight operations including pre-flight planning, in-flight execution, and post-flight duties.
- Position ended March 2020 due to COVID-19-related downsizing.

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**Envoy Airlines, Captain- EMB-145, Chicago, IL** 2018 to 2020

- Selected as Direct Entry Captain with no prior 121 or Embraer experience, demonstrating strong leadership and adaptability.
- Built effective working relationships across flight operations, including dispatch, cabin crew, gate agents, and maintenance teams.

**Red Wing Aeroplane, Captain- CE560, Bay City, WI** 2013 to 2018

- Served as Captain of a Citation V/Ultra providing VIP clients with transport to locations throughout North and Central America.
- Mentored new and junior pilots, providing instruction on company SOPs, aircraft operations, and policy compliance.
- Served as pilot representative for the company's Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP), promoting a proactive safety culture.

**University of North Dakota (UND), Flight Instructor, Grand Forks, ND** 2012-2013

- Provided high quality flight instruction to Air China students through their private, instrument and commercial ratings.

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### ***Education***

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**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)** – *University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point*. Graduated: 2008

#### **Professional Flight Training & FAA Certifications**

Completed comprehensive flight training at multiple FAA-certified FBOs and flight schools across WI, MN, MI, and FL (2001–2010). Earned all pilot certificates including ATP, CFI, CFII & MEI. Type ratings (CE-500, EMB-145, EMB-175, LR45) earned at Envoy and Flight Safety and in-house company training.

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### ***Other/Volunteer:***

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#### **Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) – Chicago, IL**

*2023–Present*

##### **New Hire Mentor**

- Serve as a dedicated mentor for newly hired pilots, providing guidance through training, operational integration, and life on the line.
- Build strong, supportive relationships to help new pilots thrive both professionally and personally, contributing to a culture of excellence and camaraderie.

##### **Security Committee Member**

- Act as a point of contact for pilot concerns related to security protocols involving TSA, law enforcement, and airport operations.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to address and improve frontline security issues, ensuring safe and compliant operations across the network.

#### **Trail Life USA – Troop 2237, Rockford, IL**

*Volunteer Leader | 2024–Present*

- Lead and mentor young men (ages 11–18) through structured activities focused on leadership, character, and outdoor skills.
- Organize and oversee campouts, first aid instruction, and team-building exercises designed to instill responsibility, confidence, and servant leadership.

#### **Rockford Rescue Mission, Rockford, IL**

*Volunteer*

- Volunteer monthly at the Rockford Rescue Mission assisting with meal preparation and service for individuals experiencing homelessness. Help recruit and coordinate additional volunteers to support the mission's outreach efforts.