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## dear search applicant committee

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**dear search applicant committee:**

i would like to  
regret to inform you  
that i am a highly qualified candidate  
for this position.  
due to an overwhelming number  
of courses presentations papers articles  
book chapters evals letters  
service commitments  
applications received  
we are not able to offer  
the health insurance i need  
though a paycheck would be nice, too.

i actually enjoy teaching students  
and i am desperately ready to  
keep your application on file  
and develop four entirely new preps  
if that's what you need  
for subsequent searches.  
we wish you the best of nameless luck  
or blessings as may be appropriate  
in your future endeavors  
like scholarly publishing cover letters  
filling out human resources forms  
and producing beautiful spreadsheets  
the color of despair (red).

we enjoyed our electronic and/or physical interaction and  
given your excellent achievements we are sure  
you will find success  
in again mustering your small army  
of sample syllabi and teaching philosophies.  
i promise if you hire me  
i will do a good job and profess  
publish and serve with top marks  
and also win the peace prize  
and compose questionable poetry.

best,  
best wishes,  
sincerely,  
and again with regrets,  
and absurdly undying hope,

email auto signature.

—Naomi Gades