



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Jason Israel for any position in the field of network engineering and management. I have had the pleasure of working with Jason for the past five years from the San Diego office as he was out of our Alpharetta site of Verizon Connect, and in that time, I have come to know him as a highly competent, diligent, and innovative professional. His expertise in the design, implementation, and management of complex networks, as well as his knack for aligning business objectives with data and solutions architecture, make him an invaluable asset to any organization.

During his tenure at Verizon Connect, Jason has been responsible for improving the executive network infrastructure across all departments and development teams. His deep knowledge of Palo Alto Firewalls, Cisco Firewalls, Routers, Switches, VoIP, LAN, MAN, WAN, security, and wireless architectures has proven instrumental in the success of our organization. Leveraging Cisco systems switches, routers, firewalls, and servers, as well as HP switches and Aruba & Meraki Wireless equipment, Jason has overseen daily administration with exceptional efficiency.

One of Jason's most notable accomplishments was the successful deployment of Palo Alto Networks NGFW Models 850, 3250, 5220 & 5250, including Panorama management appliance and VMs (8.X.X through 10.X.X OS revisions). His skills in circuit and site management have been crucial to maintaining our international network, collaborating seamlessly with employees across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

Jason's 25+ years of experience in the field are complemented by his ability to foster strong relationships with executives and create a collaborative environment for network engineering teams. As a trusted advisor and inspiring mentor, Jason's communication and leadership skills are second to none.

In addition to his technical expertise, Jason is highly adept at negotiating with vendors for optimal pricing and delivery. His keen business acumen ensures that projects are not only completed to the highest standard but also delivered on time and within budget.

In summary, I wholeheartedly recommend Jason Israel for any network engineering or management position. His extensive experience, technical expertise, and dedication to innovation make him a truly exceptional candidate. I have no doubt that Jason would make a significant positive impact on any organization fortunate enough to have him.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William C. Schmidt".

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