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Dear Rob,

I am applying for the NBER Tutorial on Digital Economics and AI Tutorial, scheduled for February 12, 2025, at Stanford University. As a third-year PhD student in Economics at Cornell University and a first year JD student at Cornell Law School, I believe this chance will allow me to learn more about Digital Economics, interact with distinguished professors, and help me better prepare my dissertation.

As a dual degree PhD/JD student, I have completed two years of coursework in my Economics PhD program at Cornell University. I began my PhD in 2022 and have passed my qualification exams on May 2023. I have also enrolled in field courses, such as Economics and Politics, Health Economics, Law and Economics, Causal Inference and Machine Learning, and Industrial Organization.

My research focuses on platform economics and privacy issues, and I am particularly excited about the opportunity to engage with leading researchers in digital economics and AI. For a structural project, I am examining the impact of oligopoly platform on social welfare. For a reduced form project, I am studying the impact of privacy regulations on firm innovation level and customer welfare.

My dissertation advisor is Professor Kaushik Basu. I am developing projects that explore the intersection of economic theory, data governance, and digital markets. Attending this tutorial will help me refine my research through exposure ideas in the field. Furthermore, the chance to participate in the Digital Economics and AI meetings the following day would deepen my understanding of the dynamic interactions between artificial intelligence and economic policy.

As a first-generation PhD student and woman in law and economics, I am really excited about the opportunity to learn from distinguished professors on these issues and I believe I will benefit a lot by attending this Tutorial.

Thank you so much for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of participating in this tutorial and the NBER Digital Economics and AI meetings and contributing to the study of digital economics and AI in the future.

Sincerely,



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