

Career Coaching for Word Nerds “Let Me Work Remotely, Dammit” Letter

Hello there (ladies / Supreme Overlords / Givers of Extreme Wisdom / The Person Who Signs My Checks) –

After spending (two hours / five hours / three days) commuting into a mostly empty, silent office today, I feel I need to propose a work arrangement that is more realistic for me, and also — by extension — beneficial to [Insert Company Name]. For this reason, I'm requesting the ability to work from home. Or to at least work primarily from home, perhaps commuting in just one day (a week / a month / a century).

During my (nearly one year / long, excruciating lifetime's worth of years) here, I've observed some pretty fantastic examples of people who have been able to contribute greatly to [Insert Company Name], all while working remotely: (Awesome Person Number One) is a fantastic community manager, and has built up community involvement on the site, on Twitter, and on Facebook exponentially... (Awesome Person Number Two) has nearly singlehandedly (built this fantastic site from the ground up / solved world hunger / made our company a trillion dollars)... (Awesome Person Number Three)... Jesus Christ, I don't know how (Awesome Person Number Three) does as much as he does, and all by himself! They contribute *so much* and do *such a fabulous job*... all without setting foot in this office.

For a number of reasons, I feel that working from home would allow for greater efficiency, because:

1. On the days I work from home, I spend — on average — (3 / 8 / OTHER) additional hours getting work done, simply because I don't have to worry about traveling back and forth.
2. I actually have a phone at home, in addition to the privacy necessary to (conduct phone interviews with intern applicants / test vibrators / dance around to the *Glee* soundtrack).
3. My computer at home is far faster, and has much more reliable Internet connectivity.
4. In addition, even if I continued coming in just once a week, the cost difference would be huge. Instead of (spending \$178/month / sacrificing 10 goats / taking out a home equity loan), I would be spending a mere \$40/month to commute. *Ka-ching!*

As you know, I can easily handle all of my responsibilities remotely. I can write remotely. I can edit remotely. Even (the training of both interns and bloggers / the hand-holding of incompetent clients / OTHER) can be done remotely. I do it all the time. And of course, I'm always available via e-mail, Skype, and phone.

I enjoy working at [Insert Company Name]. I love the people I work with. And I hope that you've found my contributions valuable. I want to continue contributing as much as I can to the company. Perhaps a one-week trial?

Thanks for hearing me out. – (YOUR NAME / The Awesomest Awesome Person Ever / That chick in the other cubicle)