Subject: Request for Connection and Referral

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to extend my gratitude for considering my application for the [Job Title] position at [Company Name]. Though I was disappointed to learn that I wasn't selected, I truly appreciate the opportunity to interview and learn more about the company.

I am reaching out to ask if you would be open to connecting on LinkedIn. Additionally, if you know of any other opportunities or could refer me to someone in your network who might be hiring, I would greatly appreciate it. Your insights into the industry are invaluable, and any assistance you could offer would mean a lot to me.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration. I look forward to staying connected.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
[Your LinkedIn Profile URL]
[Your Email Address]
[Your Phone Number]