To the Current Members of the Student Association,

My name is Kaitlin LaRosa and I am a current sophomore at Syracuse University from Poughkeepsie, New York. I am double majoring in Policy Studies and Environment, Sustainability, & Policy within the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and am a Maxwell Leadership Scholar as well as a member of the Renee Crown University Honors Program.

My interest in joining the Student's Association comes from my recent involvement in the Sustainability Management Office on South Campus as a student intern. While I have always been invested in environmental issues, this internship has exposed me to the world of sustainability, and the microcosm of society that Syracuse University acts as in this regard, with its own consumption, emissions, and Climate Action Plan. This awareness has shown me the poor state of Syracuse's sustainability efforts, and the unique opportunity that the student body has in curating a push for change. Therefore, if accepted into the Student Association, I would be especially interested in joining the sustainability committee.

In terms of my qualifications for a position as Representative of the Student Body At Large, I am involved in a wide variety of communities on campus that make me a well-rounded candidate to represent the entire student. I am a former Teaching Assistant Manager of PST 101 during the Fall 2021 semester under Professor Bill Coplin, in which I managed 16 other TAs and mentored a group of 6 students. This role has deeply embedded me within the Policy Studies department, as well as the greater Maxwell community. I venture out of Maxwell in my role as Head Editor of Perception Magazine, the only Art and Literary Magazine on campus, where I collaborate with many Newhouse, VPA, and Arts and Science students to produce a new issue of the magazine each semester. Still, my pool extends even larger in my role as a Campus Ambassador of the Women's Network, where I meet with women across all colleges as we support each other in our ambitions and foster a community.

The commonality between all these roles I take on in our community is the passion I have for making it a better, more inclusive place. By being a part of the Student Association, I could be this liaison of change between these communities that I know and love and Syracuse administration. The strength of people power is well-known for bringing about change, and the Student Association is the epicenter of this at Syracuse and is something that I hope to be a part of.

Sincerely,

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