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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a former Administrative Associate with the Associated Students of Madison (ASM), a non-elected and non-appointed position, and a recently graduated in December 2025. I have been involved with ASM since Fall 2022 as a freshman year intern. Through my time working within and around ASM, I had the opportunity to observe interactions and organizational conduct. I have also had the opportunity to visit Madison recently, and in conversation with some of the front desk staff I learned others share my concerns. Based on these experiences, I would like to share some thoughts regarding Michael Harry and his candidacy for the position of ASM Chair.

First, I have noticed patterns of behavior that raise concerns about his ability to foster a comfortable and inclusive environment. In particular, there have been instances where his interactions have made some members feel uncomfortable. Given that the ASM Chair plays a central leadership role, it is essential that all members feel respected, safe, and at ease engaging with them. The Chair position requires a high level of approachability, empathy, and responsiveness. Members should feel confident that their perspectives will be heard and taken seriously. Based on my experiences, I am not fully confident that he consistently demonstrates these qualities.

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I have also observed instances of inappropriate use of ASM public resources, specifically the use of ASM computers for non-professional purposes. This raises concerns about judgment and adherence to the standards expected of someone in a leadership role.

I share these concerns with the intention of supporting a thoughtful and responsible selection process. The role of ASM Chair is critical in shaping the culture, trust, and effectiveness of the ASM as a whole, and it is important that the individual in this position reflects the values of professionalism, accountability, and inclusivity.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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