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Letter of Intent to run for Class Representative of Touro COM Middletown, MS Class of 2018

To Whom It May Concern:
 This letter is to declare my intent to run for one of the positions of class representative. I propose my candidature within this election because of certain qualities I believe that I possess, which give me unique insight into advocating for students, as well as an ability to facilitate the establishment of constructive relations between the faculty and my peers.

 After just my first few weeks at Touro COM, I have been introduced to some of the brightest minds, and to some of the most motivated people I have encountered in my professional career thus far. Their expressions are eager, enthusiastic, and their eyes have the spark of curiosity. Their passion for learning and being at the forefront of the medical field is inspiring. It was their own excitement that echoed onto my experience and encouraged me to want to serve the student body as a representative, liaison, and advocate.

 The role of class representative is to communicate concerns between the class and the instructor of the course, specifically hearing every person’s claim and question and deciding which truly deserve closer attention and possible revision. I believe I would be suited to take these responsibilities upon myself, which include ensuring the tradition of fairness and open communication is upheld and well nurtured.

I consider myself fit for this task because of several opportunities and positions I’ve had in the past, including my experience as a Substance Abuse Counselor. This position aptly prepared me, as my responsibilities were comprised of listening to the patient’s struggles and qualms, reassuring them, and advocating on their behalf to a managing physician. I would then present an evaluation and treatment plan for each patient- creating a close bond between the patient and I which allowed me to better assist them. With the skills I have come to learn in my short time at Touro COM, including preparation, a unwavering work ethic, and organizational skills, I believe I am well equipped for the responsibilities of class representative.

As a volunteer and patient advocate in the emergency room of Cayuga Medical Center, and as an elected Steward and House Manager for a 27-bedroom, +100-member fraternity in my undergraduate institution. The necessary tasks included prioritizing, successfully executing, and making each member feel heard was crucial to my positions in the past, and remain an invaluable asset.

I welcome people’s potentially varying interpretations of medical situations, as it allows me to solidify my own understanding by discovering a different thought process employed in reaching an alternate answer. My aptitude for considering different approaches to a question, as well as my ability to advocate fervently yet respectfully, gives me an advantage in being able to properly represent the student body of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and its ever-growing zeal to learn.

 Sincerely,

 Dmitriy Shegelman

 MS Class of 2018