Hello student doctors,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as one of your class representatives this year. As Touro is giving us the opportunity to advance our medical career, I plan to help this university advance in every way as Vice President of our Student Government Association (SGA).

And with great opportunity comes great responsibility. As vice president candidate, it behooves me to cooperate with all student clubs and organizations on-campus and to represent our institution by attending national conferences. Moreover, I will assist the President with all their duties including, but not limited to, being a liaison between the deans, faculty, and student body with my positive energy.

This opportunity comes once in a lifetime. I want to make it great, not *only* for us but for everyone that comes after us. How? With our current and future SGA officers, we will continue towards the short and long-term goals set forth in collaboration with students in mind. For example, I will work closely with Sanjiv Gowda, a fellow first-year osteopathic student doctor, to create a new dermatology club here.

The people who know me well understand that this position means far more to me than just something to put on a resume. I came to Touro COM Middletown from Florida two years ago as a master’s student hoping to get into medical school, and like so many of my classmates I had no idea what the future held. I worked hard, studied a lot, and was luckily given the opportunity to enroll here as a medical student. This opportunity has meant the world to me, and Touro has become home away from home. I want to be vice president of SGA because, honestly, I love the people here, and I love the school. Interacting with both the faculty and my colleagues is something I truly enjoy, and I have learned so much from each of you during my time here, and I would like to sincerely thank you all. I feel the best way for me to show my thanks and appreciation is through this position of SGA Vice President. Everyone here has helped me in so many different ways, and I would really like to be able to do the same in return. As Vice President candidate, I want everyone to feel welcomed in our family, I want to hear your comments and your concerns; I want to help resolve any issues or conflicts that may arise, and I want anyone who visits Touro Middletown to feel the love we all have for this school.

Thanks again for allowing me to make the most out of this opportunity,

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