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To the student body of CUSOM,

Please accept this letter as a declaration of my interest in serving as the Secretary of CUSOM's Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA). Similarly to our new president-elect, I entered medical school applications with the simple objective of getting in, and applied to both MD and DO schools as well. But as we enter only our sixth month as CUSOM students, I could not be more thrilled with my choice to become a DO and to be a camel. There have been innumerable experiences already with DO faculty, staff, and guest speakers/lecturers who continue to reinforce that being an osteopathic physician is so much more than just adding two letters after your name. I am passionate about advocating for the profession of osteopathic medicine on all levels, local and national, and feel that I can best serve and represent CUSOM's SOMA chapter as the secretary. I consider myself to be an extremely detail-oriented and organized person, even finding joy in creating well thought out notes and paperwork. I also have experience in administrative roles and communicating with other leaders and directors from my undergraduate time in the Cavalier Marching Band. I was responsible for marking attendance at each practice, game, and event for my section and communicating absences with the section leaders and band directors. As such, I feel confident that I could effectively take on the responsibilities of recording detailed meeting minutes and corresponding with speakers, advisors, and donors as needed. I look forward to working with the rest of the SOMA leadership team, the Class of 2026, other SOMA chapters, and physicians with the common goal of advocating for the community of osteopathic physicians.

Sincerely, Savannah Griffin, OMS-I