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To: Sue Murphy, State Director, Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Murphy,

My name is Amanuel and I am currently a sophomore at Raisbeck Aviation High School (RAHS). My first year in Science Olympiad has been quite a journey, and being introduced to such a welcoming and competitive environment has created room for me to grow. Even outside of competition, preparing for events with my teammates has allowed me to make connections with people I would have never talked to before. My goal as student advisor is to make the Science Olympiad a fantastic experience for others!

Recently, I was elected to the position of build vice-president of our school's Science Olympiad. This shows my commitment to the club as well as my willingness to contribute to the science olympiad community. As a matter of fact, I have already started working with the treasurer and president to approve a new budget so Raisbeck can host another invitational.

Competing in Sci Oly has not only been fun, but also allowed me to be used to high stress environments. This skill can be essential to ensuring tasks get done early and efficiently. I have also made sure to work diligently to prepare for my events, which has been evident in my performance at competitions. My work as the programming lead of our school's robotics team has also shown me how to collaborate with a large group of people as well as manage big projects. Creating agenda's each meeting for the programming team has also taught me the importance of planning and organization.

One thing I wish to accomplish as student advisor is to coordinate test writing for Division B events. This will allow other state board members to focus on additional aspects of the Science Olympiad, such as planning states and regional competitions. I also hope to have a more prominent role as student advisor so I can leave a more positive impact on our community. I aim to make sure every Olympian's voice is heard so that we can make SciOly a welcoming place for all. Lastly, I want to bring SciOly to schools that currently don't have one. Assisting schools in creating their own Science Olympiad club will give more opportunities to students who want to pursue their passion through competition.

As a sophomore, I recognize the privilege of representing my peers and fellow science enthusiasts. My role as the build vice-president of our school's Science Olympiad, coupled with my leadership role in the robotics team, has equipped me with invaluable skills in teamwork, project management, and effective communication. Moreover, my experience in crafting agendas and coordinating tasks has honed my ability to strategize and execute plans with precision.

In essence, my aim is to strive for positive change within the WA Science Olympiad community, ensuring that every participant's journey is as fulfilling and rewarding as my own. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and growth of Science Olympiad in our state.