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Dear fellow members of PSAC 901

My name is Nashita Syed and I am nominating myself for Co-Chief Steward (2). I currently serve on the Joint Health and Safety Committee for Administrative Services as their Unit 1 representative, and I am one of the Co-Stewards for the Faculty of Law. I am new to the 901 this term and most of my experience thus far has been in grievance filing and conducting safety inspections across campus. Working with 901 has been some of the most rewarding and fulfilling work that I have had the honour of doing during my time at Queen's, and it would be a privilege to work with you all in the upcoming term as Co-Chief Steward.

First and foremost, as a law student who is interested in labour and employment law, disability law, and access to justice, I believe that I bring unique skills and knowledge that will benefit our members. My legal education has given me the opportunity to build my advocacy, negotiation, and contractual/legislative interpretation skills. With these skills, I am well-positioned to provide support to members who are filing grievances, and I will work to ensure that their rights are protected and that they receive fair treatment.

One of my primary goals is to increase the involvement of professional students in our Union. Historically, professional students have been less involved with 901, and I believe that there have been many missed opportunities for us to act as advocates for ourselves and for our fellow members. As a law student myself, I understand the value that our skills can bring to the table. I understand that while, professional students and graduate students face different issues than one another, we can still provide each other with support and allyship. I hope to create opportunities for us to connect and share our experiences.

In solidarity, Nashita