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Thanks to our hard work, UMass Lowell is now an R1 university. At the same time, we still have a contract written for the UMass Lowell of the past. We are no longer a small teaching institution and we need our contract to reflect our current research status, not the past. If I am elected to the MSP board I will work as an advocate for university researchers, both to the board and through the board to the university administration. In order to represent us, the board needs the voice of someone who understands how research is funded and what the University must do to support that research. We need a workload that allows us the time for research, allows us to recruit more talented researchers, and is competitive with our peers and competitors. I would like your support to be that voice.

The current funding climate is volatile and uncertain. We need leadership, both within the MSP and at the University, to be quick to respond to opportunities and threats. I will advocate for the resources and flexibility needed to respond to the changing research environment. For the next few years, the slow pace of past administrations will not be good enough. We will need university administration and an MSP that can respond quickly as challenges arise and opportunities appear.

I served for four years as your representative to the MSP board and I would like your support to do so again. As I said then and I will say again, thank you for your attention and I would like your support but whoever you choose to vote for, please vote. This is important.