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**Name of Nominee: \_**Ali Reza Montazemi

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the 2025 Senate elections. Since joining the DeGroote School of Business in July 1984, I have taken on numerous responsibilities, serving both the Faculty and the University. Notably, I successfully ran for the MUFA executive in 2023 to enhance collegial governance. As the chair of the MUFA Budget Advisory Committee, we prepared a report highlighting deficiencies in budget management, including the unacceptably high student/faculty ratio—the highest among Canadian universities. This report now serves as the basis for remuneration and workload negotiations between MUFA and the University administration.

In 2024, I was re-elected to the MUFA executive to continue my efforts in improving collegial governance. With my expertise in the Management of Information Systems, I have been critical of the IT governance at McMaster, noting that information systems are often selected and implemented with minimal stakeholder input. This has led to issues such as the recent email fiasco. To address these concerns, I spearheaded the inauguration of the MUFA IT Advisory Committee in October 2024. We launched a survey to better understand MUFA members’ concerns regarding IT in support of their teaching, research, and administrative duties. I anticipate that our findings will lead to more effective IT governance at McMaster, but this requires the direct involvement of all stakeholders, including the Senate.

As a candidate for the Senate, I am committed to fostering a robust and forward-thinking IT governance framework that supports our academic and administrative goals. In today’s digital age, effective IT governance is crucial for ensuring that our technological resources align with the university’s mission, values, and strategic objectives. By focusing on transparency, security, and innovation, we can build a resilient and adaptive IT governance framework that supports McMaster University’s mission and prepares us for the future. I am dedicated to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to achieve these goals and ensure that our IT resources are effectively managed and utilized.

Together, we can create a technologically advanced and secure environment that empowers our students, faculty, and staff to excel.