**CANDIDATE BIO (250 words)**

Hi! I’m Teodora, a second-year med student at McGill. I did my undergrad at Western, where I was President of the Science Students’ Council and represented over 8,000 students. After graduating, I moved back to Toronto where I’m originally from, and worked in a long-term care home during COVID before starting med.

I chose McGill because I see bilingualism as a cornerstone of my future career in medicine. I also speak Romanian and Spanish, which I picked up while living in Mexico between degrees. I volunteer with families of incarcerated people and deliver meals across Montreal. I’m also the incoming co-president of McGill’s ultrasound club and always juggling two books: one in English and one in French. Right now I’m reading *La Peste* and *The Master and Margarita*.

This year, I’ve served as McGill’s Government Affairs and Advocacy Officer. I led one of our largest delegations at the National Day of Action, co-wrote and presented a discussion paper at SGM, and engaged with other school representatives at GAAC roundtables. I also work closely with the FMEQ. I attend monthly meetings, co-authored a provincial position paper on substance use in French that we will be presenting to the National Assembly, represented McGill’s stance on Bill 83 to media, and am organizing an event on public vs private healthcare. Through this work, I’ve built strong ties with Quebec’s med socs and FMEQ leadership.

Je serais ravie de mettre mon expérience et mon engagement au service du rôle de Directrice régionale du Québec!

**PLATFORM (297 words)**

Having served as McGill’s Government Affairs and Advocacy Officer since March 2024, I’ve spent the last year already working at both the national and provincial levels similar to the CFMS Quebec Regional Director role. I’ve built strong relationships within CFMS and the FMEQ, understand the current political landscape, and feel well-prepared to step into a role with more responsibility.

As Québec Regional Director, I would prioritize three main things:

**1. Strengthening collaboration between CFMS and the FMEQ**

McGill is in a unique position, as the only Quebec school officially part of both organizations. I want to make that dual membership an asset and improve joint advocacy efforts, communication between our reps and leadership, shared events, and policy development. I also want to make CFMS initiatives more accessible to Quebec students outside McGill, whether that’s National Day of Action, global health initiatives, or awards and leadership opportunities.

**2. Enhancing bilingualism and accessibility**

Our student community is bilingual, and our national body needs to reflect that. I would continue current work to ensure all CFMS resources and meetings are accessible in both French and English, and to spotlight Quebec’s issues and contributions more clearly on the national stage. I would also like to engage Francophone students and support them in organizing events or writing papers.

**3. Advocating around Bill 83 and CaRMS uncertainty**

Bill 83 has created a lot of anxiety for students in Quebec. I want to support our med socs in navigating the changes it brings, especially for incoming students. I would continue advocating for clearer provincial strategies and more national dialogue and engagement about how this could affect CaRMS equity. Another important issue I’d like to address is the mismatch between unfilled Quebec residency spots (particularly in family medicine) and student interests.

Merci pour votre attention!