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Dear Potomac Valley Swimming Board,

I am writing to be considered for the athlete position on the Governance/Nomination Committee. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Northwood High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. I am currently swimming for Rockville Montgomery Swim Club at the MLK site for my 6th year. I have also swum for the Franklin Knolls Swim Team in the Montgomery County Swim League for the past 8 summers.

When I was 9 years old, my summer swim coach encouraged me to try out for RMSC. Since then, I have dedicated my life to club swimming and have loved every minute of it, even the extremely demanding sets, practice schedule and disappointing races. PVS has changed my life and has shaped me not only as a swimmer, but as a person. PVS and the world of club swimming has made me more motivated, hard-working, and determined than I ever could have imagined.

I am currently on the MCPS Student Member of the Board's Advisory Council, so I have experience on committees, collaborating with people from across the county. This makes me prepared to work with others, adults and athletes alike, and comfortably share my thoughts and opinions for the best interest of the group. Also, my experience as a club swimmer has given me the opportunity to coach members of my high school swim team. The swim coach at my high school is great at strategizing but has no background in swimming, so she allows club swimmers to run practices. This gives me leadership experience in the sport of swimming that I will need to thrive as an athlete on the Governance/Nomination Committee and the PVS Board in general.

I want to be a part of the PVS Governance/Nomination Committee because I value fairness and equity and I believe that I can play a major role in creating a level playing field for all PVS swimmers. As a female athlete, I can bring a unique perspective to the Committee. Swimming is a part of my daily life so I believe my insights will be a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee. I hope to have this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alexandra LaDuca