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NCTTA Board of Directors,

I would like to run for the **Athlete Representative** position. I am an NCTTA alum and have participated as a player representing both a 2-year transfer college and a state university. I have also worked very closely with the powerhouse school, University of Southern California, during their golden era led by Grant Li.

I first started playing table tennis at Santa Monica College, a 2-year community college; and was able to play on one of their last NCTTA teams before they stopped hosting the SoCal Divisionals in their beautiful gym with almost 20 high quality tables.

I then transferred to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona [Cal Poly Pomona or CPP], and started the table tennis club here. Despite many issues with bureaucracy and scheduling conflicts with the recreation center, I was able to recruit members and send out a Varsity team and sometimes multiple JV teams to the SoCal Divisionals for 2 years.

Over the last 4 years, I have been a part of the Ping Pong Posse at USC. Although I never studied there, the USC club has allowed me to join and, eventually, become an honorary board member due to my active participation. I have advised and contributed to the success of their club from Kaylee Ho's Presidential term to Franz Zhao and Gloria Deng's current term, in things ranging from giving rides to organizing socials and managing budgets. Most of all, I feel strongly that my most important duty is to keep a welcoming and lively atmosphere for all players to experience.

With my strong social and communication skills, I am confident that I can continue to broaden my reach and become the channel of representation athletes need. I also believe that my diverse experience with the many different team environments makes me a strong candidate to well represent the diversity of participating players and teams as I have first-hand experience in the situations school teams of various sizes may go through. I will serve as the intermediary between athletes and the Board with the utmost integrity.

Sincerely,
Tae-Hyun Kim