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## **Illinois Occupational Therapy Association**

Dear Members of the Executive Board and ILOTA Nominations Committee,

My name is Sarah Mugavero. I have been a school-based occupational therapist throughout my OT career. My interest in ILOTA was renewed when I returned to school in 2021 to obtain my post-professional occupational therapy doctorate degree. This led to a poster session presentation at the 2023 ILOTA Annual Conference based on my OTD capstone project. It was at the 2023 ILOTA Annual Conference that I first started volunteering for ILOTA. In the summer of 2024, I volunteered at another event for ILOTA where I had the privilege of volunteering with two past ILOTA presidents. Upon conversation, it came to my attention that the ILOTA Executive Board Director of Finance-Elect position needed to be filled. At that time I mentioned I would consider the position if it remained unfilled. Several months passed until I was contacted by ILOTA to see if I was still interested in the position. At that point I had a lot of questions about the position. Various ILOTA executive board members have been gracious to further explain the position and answer my plethora of questions.

Upon careful consideration, I have decided to run for the ILOTA Executive Board Director of Finance-Elect position. I believe this is an important position that needs to be filled for ILOTA due to responsibilities associated with finance and continuing education. I am eager to serve, learn, and contribute to the evolution of this position. Undeniably I will grow professionally, but much more notably, this volunteer position will be of service to the occupational therapy community throughout Illinois. It would be my honor and privilege to serve as your next Director of Finance. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Humbly,

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