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A year ago I broke a promise to myself to never write another personal. I now find myself again on the brink of creating a similar document; I need to stop making such terrible personal vows.

Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of serving as a PARA aggregate representative. I had the opportunity to serve on the Residents in Legislature and the External Affairs committees, as well as the privilege of attending the PARA leadership conference in November.

These experiences, combined with my own belief in the critical importance of advocacy, have changed my views on the process required to work within the system. Residents are a key component in health care and our hectic schedules should not limit our presence on decision making bodies; I will ensure continued representation on the current organizations and will continue contact with residents serving on similar groups. In addition, I will discuss alternative strategies to enact political change including arranging meetings with MLAs, using community media to increase general awareness, and continually educating the average citizen on important healthcare issues.

I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with the PARA executive in the coming year.

#### Biography:

*After surviving both high school and the cold Manitoban winters, Chris Fung decided to leave his family and friends for the Northern climes of Edmonton in order to educate the next wave of mathematicians. However, after discovering the joy of pure math, but finding that the career was not as variable as his equations (i.e. could be quite dull and monotonous), Chris decided upon a new career – Medicine. Nine years later, Chris has found he enjoys the dark and the continued challenges to be found therein. He spends his free time pestering his cat and watching movies with his wife.*