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To Whom It May Concern:

The Statistics & Probability Association (SPA) at the University of Washington is a student led organization whose mission is to foster a sense of community among students who share a passion for statistics, and provide students with the resources they need to succeed outside of the classroom. For the last three years I have served as an officer of the SPA and helped organize many academic events, such as our annual career night. For this event we invite statistics professionals from around the Puget Sound area to speak in front of undergraduates, helping bring to light the great number of opportunities open to them after graduating.

The SPA is constantly looking for new ways to bolster the education of our fellow undergraduates. A common thing I hear among my peers is that they are interested in doing statistics-related research, but have a hard time knowing where to look for such opportunities. Some students are afraid that they lack the knowledge necessary to begin research, even when this is not the case. I strongly believe that the Undergraduate Research Seminar which Professor Marina Meila has suggested would be appreciated by my peers and help connect them with research opportunities they would otherwise not find. Hearing fellow undergraduates present their research projects and share their experiences would not only help students discover potential research ideas, but also ease their apprehension. The SPA would love to see the Undergraduate Research Seminar happen in the near future and would give its full support in organizing the event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Huss". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Peter Huss
President, UW Statistics & Probability Association