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Dear Professor Wilson,

Firstly, let me congratulate you on your appointment as the next Chair of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom (PSA). The PSA is in incredibly good shape and is really lucky to have scholars like you and Vice-Chair Elect, Professor Feargal Cochrane in position to lead it through its next phase of development and success.

I'm writing to invite you to offer your thoughts and comments on the draft ten-year Strategic Plan that is currently out for consultation amongst members. The aim of this plan is to provide an ambitious and very clear direction of travel for the PSA.

Given that you and Professor Cochrane will be at the helm I really want you to feel comfortable with the broad thrust of the strategy. If you have any comments or ideas, then please do jot them down and send them to me. I will then bring your submission to the attention of Trustees at our next full Executive Committee meeting and ensure they are taken into account during the final discussions.

We will be launching the Strategic Plan at the Annual Assembly during the PSA Annual Conference in Glasgow, and so I would be delighted if you and Feargal could be there to introduce yourselves - and your ideas - to the assembled members.

I hope this invitation to feed into the strategy will allow you to lay groundwork for the positive future that I am confident you have in store for the PSA. It goes without saying that I will continue to offer the Association my full support over the years ahead.

Best,

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