In 2019 you voted for me as President-Elect, and already, I would have been privileged to serve you as your current State PTA President. However, upon being inappropriately removed by rogue state leaders in October 2020, it was a blessing in disguise considering how unresponsiveness led to a revocation of our former MDPTA state charter. Boldly, I stood steadfast as part of the solution and not the problem. Nonetheless, I am proud to be a member of PTA and I say **thank you** to the outgoing, remaining, and incoming leaders and members who believe that PTA is a relevant resource for students, teachers, families, and communities.

I return to serve you by re-instilling trust in our Association. During the time of a lapse in leadership at the state level of our PTA congress, I attended both National PTA Conventions and the National PTA Legislative Conference. I sent pertinent information to the County Council PTA Presidents and local units that do not have councils. And, true to my love of advocacy, I worked with others and tracked legislative bills of relevant interest to our State Congress so that there is no gap in knowledge of proposed laws.

Along with the new Board of Directors, we will uplift our PTA family name, bolster our membership, and revitalize our leadership in advocacy as the primary child advocacy organization in the state of Maryland. In these next two years let’s work together to accomplish monumental tasks like acquiring a new headquarters, developing County Council PTAs in every jurisdiction, promoting ethical boardsmanship, providing quality State training, making documents and applications fillable online, improve communications, and sharing information among leaders that help them strategize on how to run a nonprofit within the culture of PTA. It is time to promote our positive accomplishments publicly via periodicals, websites and social media as well as develop a youth track at our conventions.

I continue to stand with you to lead this organization and if I am honored once again, I will accept a call to serve as your President for the 2021-2023 term with integrity, respect, and appreciation.