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MOTIVATION LETTER FOR WORLD AQUATICS TECHNICAL ARTISTIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE (TASC)

Dear Members of Congress,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a member of the **Technical Artistic Swimming Committee**. Having dedicated a lifetime to the sport that I hold so dear, I believe my extensive experience and unwavering passion uniquely position me to contribute meaningfully to the committee's important work.

Artistic swimming has been an integral part of my life for as long as I can remember. As an athlete, I spent almost ten years immersed in its beauty and discipline, developing not only my technical skills but also a profound appreciation for the artistry and dedication it demands. Transitioning from athlete to judge, I have had the privilege of witnessing the evolution of our sport on some of its grandest stages, including the Olympic Games and World Championships. For over 25 years as artistic swimming judge, I have upheld the integrity and standards of artistic swimming, fostering fairness and excellence while celebrating the athletes' hard work and creativity.

Beyond my involvement in artistic swimming, my professional background as an attorney equips me with a skill set that I believe would greatly benefit the committee. My legal training has honed my analytical abilities, attention to detail, and capacity to navigate complex challenges—qualities that align closely with the responsibilities of this role. I am adept at balancing competing priorities, making sound decisions, and working collaboratively to achieve shared goals. These skills, combined with my deep-rooted connection to artistic swimming, enable me to approach this role with both passion and professionalism.

What drives me most is my unwavering commitment to the growth and success of artistic swimming. I am inspired by its capacity to unite people through its blend of athleticism and artistry, and I am eager to play a part in shaping its future. As a member of the Technical Artistic Swimming Committee, I would bring not only my expertise but also a heartfelt dedication to supporting athletes, coaches, and officials in achieving their best.

I would be honored to contribute to the committee's mission, ensuring the continued excellence and advancement of artistic swimming worldwide.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Lucia Shepard