February 3, 2013

Cornell University Student Assembly,

I am writing you to ask for your support in re-affiliating the Cornell chapter of The Ivy Council with the Cornell Student Assembly. I would like to explain the benefits of officially affiliating the chapter with Student Assembly. In addition, I would like to touch upon the Ivy Council's past progress and future goals.

At its core, the Ivy Council seeks to promote communication and collaboration among the Ivies, and in particular their student governments. By officially affiliating with the Ivy Council chapter, Cornell's Student Assembly will have greater access to our policy initiatives, including our policy liaison network of student government members and our soon-to-be-released online policy database. Currently, most chapters are officially affiliated with their student governments, because formal affiliation has enabled more effective cross-communication with other Ivy League student governments, and so we would like the Cornell chapter to be the same. Furthermore, we believe our auxiliary missions of leadership development and public service align with the Student Assembly, and we would like to work together on these efforts in the future.

The Ivy Council has had a long and noteworthy history. Since our founding in 1993, chapters have been established at each and every Ivy League institution. Our work in leadership development has manifested itself in thirteen consecutive Ivy Leadership Summits. We have also ventured into international programming, organizing over five different international exchanges over the past decade, with two currently operating annually in China. On the policy front, we have held policy conferences nearly every year since 2000, and we have just recently started an annual event for student government leaders called State of the Ivy. With strong leadership at both the executive board and chapter levels, I believe our organization's future is bright. However, we need your support so that both our organizations can grow and prosper. I ask that you pass the resolution to re-affiliate Ivy Council's Cornell chapter with Cornell's Student Assembly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Maudson

President