Hey everyone! My name’s Shelby and I am so excited and honored to be running for senator on the Student Government Association. Here’s a little bit of information about myself. :)

★ I am currently a first year student majoring in Environmental Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences and plan on potentially declaring a minor in Mathematics or a language or two.
★ I am from a small town on the NorthShore of Massachusetts, called Lynnfield, where I grew up with four siblings and far too many animals to count.
★ I am involved with the divestment movement on campus, specifically through the club Organize. Other dedicated student activists and I work to advocate for UVM’s divestment from fossil fuel companies. I am also part of the club Green Mountain Veggies, in which we promote animal rights.
★ I work at UVM’s athletic ticket office as part of the federal work study program.
★ In high school, I gained leadership experience through technovation, a competition that empowers young girls to use technology and entrepreneurship to solve community problems through app building and coding, as well as National Honor Society, a cultural spanish club, and an animal/environmental activism club that I lead.
★ My interests include music, environmental and animal activism, social justice, learning about different languages and cultures, reading, hiking, and spending time outdoors with nature and animals :)

I hope that, if elected, I can aid SGA in becoming a more equitable institution, representative of the student body. I also plan to:

★ **Encourage the support of and push for divestment** at UVM. We have the ability to switch to more environmentally sustainable energy sources and fund our university without supporting the continued suffering of our earth! With student involvement, which I will promote through my position on sga, we can drive the divestment movement forward and make real change on and off campus.
★ **Implement environmental initiatives** (in addition to renewable energy sources) all around campus, such as food waste reduction, composting, limiting single use plastic, plant-based eating, and more in order to reduce our ecological footprint and help our school represent its national “eco-friendly” rating. My passion for environmental activism and experience as a fossil fuel divestment organizer make this an important component to my platform.
★ **Increase student representation and involvement** in sga through support of the creation of a **student union**. Students need to have more power in the decisions made on sga and that can be done through a **direct student democracy**. A student union will allow for student’s voices to be heard!
★ Ensure that students and student organizations and activists have **protection** against the administration as well as proper **access to the resources** and help they need in order to succeed and have their voices heard.
★ Commit to the values of **social, economic, and environmental justice** in our student body.

There are many important issues that I couldn’t get to here. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform! I’d sincerely appreciate your vote. If you have questions, suggestions, or comments… or if you’d just like to chat or need someone to talk to during this scary and uncertain time, please feel free to reach out at shelby.considine@uvm.edu or 781-315-5402. :)