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**EXHIBIT A**

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Roommate: Laura Sidla

**Roommate Issues:**  
**(PLEASE KEEP ALL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL!)**

- One of the major issues I have is that Laura often invites people to sleepover without asking. I have no problems having people over --I just feel it is "common courtesy" to ask me first. Whenever I plan on having someone over, I always make sure I make sure it is okay with the other person (roommate). For example, "Do you mind if my friend Kelsey sleeps over on Friday."

I approached Laura about this twice about having people over without giving me a heads up. I asked that she please give me the courtesy of letting me know whether she intends to have her friends or her boyfriend come over/stay the night. The first time I asked was after her boyfriend came up and her friend came up (in both cases, she did not notify me nor did she ask). Both times when I asked her, I got the same response: she looked at me with a blank stare for a few seconds and then said "okay."

The second time, Laura happened to be Skyping in the room with her boyfriend. She was talking about how her friend was coming up for the weekend. When she got off, I asked her, "Are you planning on having someone sleepover tonight?" and she said, "Yeah." I once again asked her to show me some respect in the future and let me know when she intended to have company. She continued to ignore my request.

**Other Inconsiderate and Disrespectful Behaviors?**

- Keeps lights on while I'm trying to sleep; does not move to the common room. I don't get a lot of sleep when she is up late and in the room.
- Sometimes, when her boyfriend is over, she stays up late at night with the lights on, cuddling in her bed, and watching my TV ---all while I am trying to sleep.
- Leaves the door open while I'm sleeping and she is hanging out in the room. For example, she will be up before me, and she keeps the door open. It is very uncomfortable for me, especially, when others are passing by. I have asked her to close the door a few times.
- Borrowing/Using my belongings. I have absolutely no problem with someone borrowing or using something of mine. It has gotten to the point where Laura EXPECTS to use my things to the point where she doesn't ask to use them anymore, rather she just takes them. I have let her borrow anything she has asked to. However, I almost feel like she thinks she is entitled to use my things --my hair dryer, my laundry detergent, my meal plan money for herself and her boyfriend, food, whiteout etc. In this respect, I feel that she is constantly "taking" from me. There is no reciprocity.
- Will stay up late Skyping her boyfriend ---latest was 3am---while I am trying to sleep.

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- Had not spoken to Laura at all over break. On the Sunday night before driving back to school on Monday, I got a text from Laura. She said that her best friend had a roommate that was going abroad and that she would be getting a roommate she didn't know. She asked if we could "switch" so that she could live with her best friend, and that her friend's future roommate room with me. She lamented that she would "hate to see me room with someone I don't know."
- I wrote back to Laura a few hours later saying that she could move out if she wanted to, but that her best friend's roommate would have to go to Reslife to find another place to stay on campus. I told her that I didn't think it would be fair for me to be placed with someone I don't know and given such short notice. I also told her it was a little too late to be bringing this up to me the night before we went back to school. She agreed and that she wasn't going to move out because she thought I was "a better roommate and a better friend anyway."

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The trigger for the meeting with Chrissy came very unexpectedly. I was asleep and door was ajar; Laura was skyping with her boyfriend in the common room. I guess she did not know I was asleep still because I could hear her talking to her boyfriend in the common room (especially since the heater was off). I heard the word "roommate," and my ears perked up. She said something about her friend coming up Friday but did not feel like she should have to ask me or notify me about it even though I had asked her to do so twice. Upon hearing that she planned on having someone stay over and had not told me or was at least , I became very overwhelmed and upset.

Later that night, I sought out Chrissy to ask for her advice on how I should proceed with the above instances. I explained to Chrissy that I didn't want to cause trouble, rather I was looking for insight as to what else I could do since Laura continues to ignore my concerns and disrespect. Chrissy offered to talk to Laura, but I asked her to keep our conversation confidential- I reiterated the fact that I did not want to cause any extra stress for myself and wanted to finish off my last semester smoothly.

Let it be known that I am always looking to myself and constantly agonizing over what I could be doing wrong as a roommate. In the past, when Laura brought to my attention something that was bothering her, I fixed my behavior right away. The one issue she has was when I had been making too much noise (coming back and forth to the common room) while she was sleeping ; she asked me to keep the door cracked if I had to get back in. Ever since we had that conversation, I respected her wishes. But when I voice my concerns about people coming over, she says she will notify me and never does. Am I asking too much? I feel like I am bending over backwards . I can honestly say that I have been doing everything I can to make this work. I feel like I have bent over backwards for her. I am not sure what I can do anymore.

I feel I have been a very respectful, and more than accommodating roommate to Laura:  
I turn off the light and go to the common room when she goes to bed  
I let her borrow my things  
I always knock before I come in the room  
I give her advanced notice of guests  
I try to be as quiet as possible when I wake up in the morning to not disturb her; I get ready in the bathroom and keep the light off in the room.  
When my friends do stay over and she wants to sleep, we move out to the common area so that we don't wake her up or disturb her.  
I clean my side of the room/vacuum when necessary and clean up before it gets too out of control.

Ultimately, I feel as though Laura is treating me as a guest in her room and not as a roommate. Another way to describe it is that she acts like she is living in a single and without any roommates. However, living with another person is a two-way street, and many times, compromises have to be made. Even after expressing my concerns, they continued to be ignored, and I continue to be disrespected. The room is becoming a toxic environment for me. Her passive aggressive behaviors are emotionally taxing on top of my own depression/anxiety struggles. I have noticed that things have gotten worse since coming back from winter break. On the one hand, I do not want to exacerbate the issue - I do not want her to know that I have talked to the RA about this issue in fear of her retaliating. On the other hand, I think I am being treated unfairly and feel extremely taken advantage of. Where do I go from here? What else can I do as a roommate?