In your Statement of Objectives, you have described for the Admissions Committee your motivations for and the goals that underlie your application to the Technology and Policy Program.

In the response to the supplemental question, we want you to reframe the presentation of your goals.

Instead of writing for an academic admissions committee, you should prepare a 500 word statement ADDRESSED TO A DECISION-MAKER WHO HAS AUTHORITY AND AGENCY IN YOUR AREA OF INTEREST. In this statement, we’d like you to DESCRIBE HOW THE KIND OF WORK YOU’D LIKE TO DO AT MIT WILL INFORM THE POLICY PROBLEMS THEY ARE FACING (AND THAT YOU’RE PLANNING TO STUDY DURING YOUR TIME AT MIT).

This should NOT be a simple recapitulation or rephrasing of your Statement of Objectives. Rather, your response should (1) identify a specific decision-maker and address them directly, (2) concisely identify a problem that should concern them, and (3) describe why research at the intersection of technology and policy is useful to address this problem.

Please limit your response to 500 words or less.

Please compose your response and then:

(1) email it to tpp@mit.edu; or
(2) mail it to Technology & Policy Program
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