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I would like whole-heartedly support the candidacy of Dr. Willie May for the position of President-Elect of the American Chemical Society. I have worked at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for the past 32 years as a scientist and manager and have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. May during that time, as he rose to the rank of Director of NIST and the Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology. I know of no other individual with a: leadership style, work ethic, sense of fairness, intelligence, and exceptional willingness to mentor, all coupled to a great personality. I also had the pleasure of working with Dr. May as a Department of Commerce Core Team Member and Campaign Manager for the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign. His leadership resulted in the Department surpassing its contribution goal. Dr. Willie May is a great leader, and will be an extraordinary figurehead and spokesperson to represent the values of the ACS. Therefore, I highly recommend his election to President-Elect.

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