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Dear members of the American Chemical Society:

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Willie May, as the next President of the American Chemical Society (ACS). While I did not have the opportunity to become very close with Dr. May, I did see his leadership over the last 15 plus years visiting NIST and conducting collaborative work with NIST personnel. My NIST colleagues were sad to see Dr. May retire due to his excellent management and interpersonal skills. I have colleagues at a number of other institutions and by far the best morale were the people at NIST. While many remembers Dr. May as the last Director of NIST he has served in a number of positions in his 45 years at NIST. He was the Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, Director of the Materials Measurement Laboratory (MML), Director Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory and Chief of the Analytical Division. Dr. May has had a storied career in science administration which is very important for the President of ACS, but let us not forget that he is also a world renowned analytical chemist. Dr. May has over 100 publications and has given over 250 invited presentations. I believe his strong background as a research chemist helped him be a better administrator due to his ability to understand the day to day activities of working chemists. I cannot see how anyone could have more qualifications to be the next President of ACS than Dr. May.

For all the above reasons I am supporting Dr. Willie May for President of ACS.

Sincerely,

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