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Dear Members of the American Chemical Society:

I write to you to enthusiastically recommend a colleague and mentor, Dr. Willie May, to serve as the next President of the America Chemical Society. I have had the honor and privilege of serving under Dr. May since 2005 when I first came to NIST as a post-doctoral level research scientist. During my tenure I have observed Dr. May's commitment to innovation, diversity and excellence in science at NIST. I reached to his experience and expertise in fostering consensus and leading interagency efforts on the Subcommittee on Advanced Manufacturing when I served as the Executive Director of the National Science and Technology Council under the Executive Office of the President during the Obama Administration. I have also witnessed his leadership and commitment to international standards and metrology development that have advanced measurement capabilities in the critical fields of organic chemistry, materials science and biology in his role as President of the CCQM (Consultative Committee for the Amount of Substance, world wide metrology organization). Dr. May recognizes the challenges we face in fostering global capacity and sustaining state-of-the-art science and innovation. He has demonstrated a consistent belief in the role of ACS to help facilitate the needed solutions and propel our global capabilities into the next century.

As many of us have witnessed in our science careers, ACS fosters the coordination and collaboration essential to enabling breakthrough science discoveries and innovative solutions to our global research challenges. The research happening in ACS offers science solutions to be brought to bear for many of the problems faced by our foundational and emerging industries; enabling them to flourish in the global market place. By recognizing America's future economic growth and international competitiveness not only depend on our capacity to innovate and foster new discoveries but also a solid dedication to the scientific and engineering workforce that enable these discoveries to happen, we will continue to lead on a global scale. ACS promotes many programs to support the scientists and engineers that are emerging in their careers as well as those that are well accomplished.

I believe Dr. May has the unique experience and global understanding needed to lead ACS to continue to be a shining example of how scientific organizations can empower innovation in a dynamic, global marketplace. Dr. May will encourage creativity in the face of our global challenges and sustain the great science and engineering capabilities that have enabled America to do what we do best.

Sincerely,



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