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Dear Colleagues and Friends...

I believe that the elected leadership of the ACS has never been so important to us than it is currently – and, that it will be in the near future. In particular, our President will be our voice professionally, politically, and socially ... with Congress, with national and international funding agencies, with keynote assignments at national and international conferences, etc. This is a big and important job! It requires full commitment for time, expertise, experience, demonstrated leadership, and travel. We are fortunate, indeed, to have an excellent slate of candidates. Now WE are challenged with making the best possible choice.

This letter was not solicited. It is my request that you carefully consider supporting Dr. Willie May. I have known – and respected Willie for decades. Most recently he has served professionally in the high office of U.S. Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). (NIST is an ACS National Chemical Landmark.) In this position, he also held the only permanent seat on the Board of Directors of ANSI (The American National Standards Institute. ANSI is the official U.S. Representative to ISO, the International Organization for Standardization.)

All this is to say that our colleague, Willie May, is globally known and respected. I have every confidence that – together with Tom Connelly and his professional leadership team – he will, if elected, be an effective leader of the team that will take chemistry and science to new levels of decision making for our future.

My personal very best wishes to you,

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