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Dear Willie,

I am truly, truly delighted to learn that you are a **candidate for President-Elect of the American Chemical Society**. Therefore, I enthusiastically endorse your candidacy since you have all of the right attributes to be an extremely successful president, one who will make a positive and lasting impact on our society.

I am pleased to support your candidacy for a number of reasons, but particularly for your continued service to the society as a whole for almost 40 years during your professional career as a chemistry research scientist and more recently in your capacity as Director of NIST and Under-Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology. I can clearly recall your distinct leadership role during the early days of the Committee on Minority Affairs. As one who has followed your research in the literature for more than 40 years and has known you personally for more than 35 years, I believe that I am quite knowledgeable of your potential as President-Elect of the ACS. Your notoriety in the field of analytical chemistry is well earned as a result of your development of liquid chromatographic methods for determination of individual organic species in complex mixtures and development of liquid chromatographic methods for determination of physico-chemical properties such as aqueous solubility's, octanol/water partition coefficients, and vapor pressures of organic compounds. I also know that you have held several leadership responsibilities in addition to those at NIST including serving as Vice President of the International Committee on Weights and Measures (CIPM) and the CIPM's Consultative Committee on Metrology in Chemistry and Biology. All of these experiences in aggregate will add greatly to your success as President-Elect of the ACS.

It is clear that your early administrative and leadership roles at NIST have aided in putting this organization at the forefront of customer needs for measurements, standards, and data. For example, the Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory under your direction quickly became a major player for U.S. advancements in innovation and industrial competitiveness. It is also clear that you have spent your long, distinguished career making significant contributions to science as a researcher, leader, and role model for future scientists. Therefore, I am excited that you are bringing this array of talents toward betterment of our society. **It is for these reasons and many more that I enthusiastically endorse your candidacy for President-Elect of the ACS.**

Sincerely,

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