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Dear Dr. Jortner:

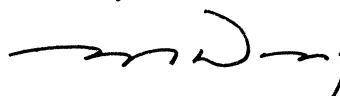
The U.S. National Committee for IUPAC of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council serves as the adhering organization to the Union. The Committee hereby nominates Dr. Edwin D. Becker to a second term as the IUPAC Secretary General.

As Secretary General, Dr. Becker has spearheaded many programs to strengthen IUPAC and established international networks to bring the global chemistry community together to work towards a common goal. Over the past three years, Dr. Becker has initiated several innovative activities that are just being implemented. His continued leadership is now crucial for IUPAC to meet its new challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Dr. Becker's record of service to IUPAC makes him an outstanding candidate to serve a second term as Secretary General.

Dr. Becker is well known and highly regarded as a scientist who has been with the National Institutes of Health for over 40 years. He has been an active member of IUPAC since 1973, and at the national level, his record of service and leadership has been recognized by the professional societies. He has chaired both the American Chemical Society's Committee on International Activities and the Joint Committee on Atomic and Molecular Physical Data. He has been a member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* and has been Section Editor for the *Encyclopedia of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance*. In addition, he has been an active member in numerous committees of the National Academy of Sciences.

We hope you will support this nomination for Dr. Becker as Secretary General. He is a candidate who has clearly demonstrated a record of excellence. I have attached his biographical information for your review.

Sincerely,



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