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The Awards Committee
The Academy of Science of St. Louis
5050 Oakland Avenue
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Dear Committee:

I wish strongly to support the nomination of Dr. Will Carpenter for the Peter H. Raven Lifetime Award for 2003.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Carpenter and witnessing his important and far-sighted contributions to the creation and the subsequent nurturing of the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention since 1979. That was the year when he became the key chemical industry participant working with the US government and the industry here and abroad to design an international treaty to eliminate chemical weapons globally.

Will's important contributions to the creation of the CWC and to achieving the advice and consent of the US Senate to its ratification were recognized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in its award to him of the AAAS Hilliard Roderick Prize.

What Will contributed to the historic achievement of the CWC was unique: a rare combination of good science, an ability to explain the legitimate interests of his industry, an abhorrence of chemical weapons, and an astounding ability to bring clarity and trust into industry, government and international councils where vagueness and distrust would otherwise have blocked progress toward agreement.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson