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Dear Dr. Sotomayor:

On behalf of the Officers and members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, we are pleased to announce your election to the Academy and warmly welcome you as a new member.

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences honors excellence and convenes leaders from every field of human endeavor to examine new ideas, address issues of importance to the nation and the world, and work together, as expressed in our charter, “to cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people.” Our studies have helped set the direction of research and analysis in science and technology policy, global security and international affairs, social policy, education, and the humanities.

With your election, you join the company of notable members – from our founders John Adams, James Bowdoin, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington to Ralph Waldo Emerson, Maria Mitchell, and Alexander Graham Bell. Other distinguished members include Margaret Mead, Jonas Salk, Barbara McClintock, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Aaron Copland, Martha Graham, John Hope Franklin, Georgia O’Keeffe, I.M. Pei, and Toni Morrison. International Members include Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, Laurence Olivier, Mary Leakey, John Maynard Keynes, Akira Kurosawa, and Nelson Mandela. Our current members represent today’s innovative thinkers in every field and profession, including more than two hundred and fifty Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners. A list of current Academy members in your field is attached, and a complete list of the newly elected members is available on the Academy’s website ([www.amacad.org](http://www.amacad.org)).

Soon you will receive materials from our Secretary, Geraldine Richmond, providing further details about the Academy’s work and the annual Induction weekend, currently scheduled for October 9–11, 2020. Of course, this year’s Induction plans will be in line with guidance from public health officials.

We invite you to follow a long-standing Academy tradition, begun by our earliest members, and respond with a written letter of acceptance. Copies of some of these wonderful letters from 1780 to the present are on exhibit at the Academy.

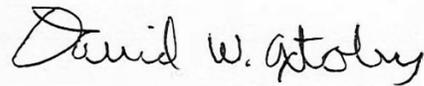
We remember how pleased and excited we were upon receiving the notice of our election to the Academy. This honor signifies the high regard in which you are held by leaders in your field and members throughout the nation.

Our warmest congratulations on your election.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nancy C. Andrews in black ink.

Nancy C. Andrews  
Chair of the Board

Handwritten signature of David W. Oxtoby in black ink.

David W. Oxtoby  
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