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To the esteemed members of the American Association of Clinical Toxicology,

I am writing to formally declare my candidacy for the position of Secretary of the American Association of Clinical Toxicology (AACT). As a member of AACT for over 10 years, and a longstanding commitment to the mission of AACT, I am eager to contribute my skills and dedication to this important leadership position.

I have been actively involved in various aspects of toxicology including research, education, clinical practice, and development of position statements. My involvement with AACT has included serving as the NACCT Scientific Content Chair from 2021-2024, a Board of Trustee member from 2021-2024, and on the Executive Committee, as Secretary of AACT since 2024. I am also fortunate to serve as the current Education Committee Co-chair.

If elected to the position of Secretary, I will prioritize transparent and consistent communication from the Board of Trustees to our membership, ensuring that all members are kept informed, engaged, and empowered to participate actively in the organization. I am committed to expanding meaningful opportunities for involvement across our membership, fostering a culture of inclusion and mentorship that strengthens the future of our field.

Additionally, I believe AACT has a unique opportunity to broaden its scientific and educational impact by actively pursuing external funding. I will advocate for efforts to secure external research grants that support member-driven investigations and reinforce our leadership in the field of clinical toxicology. Furthermore, I aim to help position AACT as a central resource for toxicology education including the AACT membership and for the broader healthcare and public health communities. By pursuing education grants and expanding access to our high-quality educational materials, we can amplify our reach and fulfill our mission of advancing toxicology knowledge and practice.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve AACT in this capacity and to contribute to its continued success and growth. I believe that my experience and dedication align well with the responsibilities of the Secretary role.

Sincerely,

Ann Arens, MD, FAACT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ann Arens', written in a cursive style.