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Vision Statement-
It is truly a remarkable time in cancer research, with an ever-accelerating pace of discovery enabled by new technologies, novel therapeutic approaches, and innovation in chemistry and cellular therapies. In pediatric oncology, our challenge is to effectively leverage these advances toward improving the cure rates and long-term health of children with cancer.

It seems like only yesterday that I was invited to attend the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Pediatric Oncology Task Force Meeting led by Dr. Lee Helman. What incredible progress has been made in these 9 years, and what a privilege it has been to be a part of the earliest history of the AACR Pediatric Cancer Working Group (PCWG) as a member of the inaugural Steering Committee. This decade has seen an incredible growth in the PCWG, the presence of pediatric oncology within AACR activities, and the impact of the PCWG on our field. It would be an honor to Chair the PCWG and lead the next wave of progress for children with cancer, building upon the tremendous success of its past leaders.

If elected, I will advocate for strong representation of pediatric oncology research at the AACR Annual Meeting, the critical importance of the biennial AACR Pediatric Oncology Special Conference, and the growth of our membership nationally and internationally. As a physician-scientist, I will leverage the power and influence of AACR to promote expanded support for pediatric oncology research, enhanced mentorship of our pediatric oncology research trainees, and more rapid development and access to new therapies for children with cancer. It is with incredible excitement that I embark on the next decade of pediatric oncology research and clinical care. I would be thrilled to work with all of you and the AACR to accelerate pediatric cancer discovery and the comprehensive care of children with cancer.