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Candidate Statement

I am running for President of APA because I believe I'm the right person at the right time. I recognize mental and physical health as inseparable, and see this fact emerging as critical now in how we view health and change healthcare. Emotions and behavioral choices are integral to illness, health, and wellness. So many solutions are psychological in nature. Our science backs the use of psychotherapy and behavioral interventions to help solve the looming healthcare crisis.

We have the opportunity to contribute to a responsive healthcare system that facilitates people using our clinical, consulting, and coaching services; focuses on evidence-based practice; and recognizes the importance of psychological research and psychology as a STEM discipline. Doing so will demonstrate our value in the new system. The challenge is two-fold: 1) to be clear about whom we are as *leaders* in science, practice, education, and policy, and 2) to extend our reach working with other disciplines and organizations.

To address these challenges, I will promote psychology and psychologists through two broad initiatives:

- *Psychologists as Leaders.* This initiative will develop a blueprint for APA's Leadership Training Programs: preparing psychologists as leaders in team science, inter-professional practice, interdisciplinary education, and advocacy to increase diversity and reduce health disparities.
- *Psychology in Healthcare.* APA defines psychological practice as a health profession. To achieve inclusion of psychology in comprehensive healthcare, we must strengthen our alliances between APA and other health professional organizations. Drawing on my relationships with the leaders of primary care organizations, APA will convene an inter-professional group to examine the roles, effectiveness, satisfaction, quality measures, and science necessary for collaborative, integrated health care that reduces disparities and cost.

Through leadership and collaboration, together we will expand the reach of psychology and the influence of psychologists.