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Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honor to be considered as a candidate for the ILAE-North America Committee for the 2025-2029 term. I am an adult epileptologist at Johns Hopkins, where my research and particular passion lies in understanding the causes and mitigating the consequences of epilepsy, especially in special populations.

The people with epilepsy who put their care in our hands are my driving motivation. As one woman with epilepsy stated, "Your work is about our lives." This statement has become a guiding principle, and I am committed to respecting that trust by striving to improve care through collaborative research, education, and patient-centered approaches.

I had the privilege to serve as a member of the ILAE-AES Joint Task Force on Disparities in 2023-2024. My dedication to improving disparities is longstanding, dating back to my first career as a math teacher in an underserved area of Louisiana in the United States. In that role, I witnessed first-hand how structural factors shaped the health, education, and opportunities of my young students. This experience has continued to influence my work today, driving my career-long commitment to improving outcomes for all populations affected by epilepsy.

Currently, I serve as the chair of the AES Guidelines and Assessments Committee, focusing on applying evidence-based medicine to epilepsy care. I am also honored to serve as associate editor for Epilepsy for the journal Neurology. These roles allow me to collaborate with diverse experts to ensure that research translates into meaningful improvements for clinical practice.

I am committed to the ILAE's vision of a world where no person's life is limited by epilepsy, and the mission of ensuring all health professionals and people with epilepsy have the resources they need. If given the opportunity to serve, my goals will center on expanding access of best practices to all people with epilepsy, particularly in light of current challenges to access.

Thank you for considering my candidacy as a member of the ILAE-North America Committee. I am deeply honored to be nominated, and excited at the opportunity to advance the ILAE's mission and serve the epilepsy community in this role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily L. Johnson".

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