Dear IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society Members, Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as President of the IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics Society over the past two years.

During this period, our Society has successfully recovered from the challenges and disruptions caused by the COVID era and has emerged stronger. We have experienced significant growth, surpassing 8,000 members, with particularly encouraging increases in student membership and women members, as well as growth across multiple regions worldwide. These trends reflect both the vitality of our community and the growing relevance of our field.

Throughout this time, the Society has continued to publish high-quality journals and to organize engaging and impactful conferences addressing topics of high scientific, technological, and societal relevance. We have also strengthened our efforts to promote collaboration across disciplines and regions, and to advance systems, cybernetics, and human-centric technologies that improve quality of life for people everywhere.

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Board of Governors members, whose dedication and leadership have been instrumental to the Society's progress and success in recent years. I am also deeply grateful to our Technical Committees for their sustained leadership, expertise, and commitment to advancing our areas of interest. Most importantly, I thank all of you—our members—for your engagement, contributions, and continued support of our shared mission and goals.

As we reach the end of the year, I wish you and your families happy holidays, restful and meaningful time together, and a successful and inspiring start to the new year.

With my sincere appreciation,

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