**New this year:** Please use this as a guide to ensure the nominator letter addresses all the required areas as delineated below. Additional information may be provided.

To the SPR Membership Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

This letter serves to nominate *[Candidate Name]* for membership in the Society for Pediatric Research.

*In the following paragraph(s), describe how the candidate has met criteria for SPR membership, with specific information that supports each criterion.*

1. Research leadership, participation, and productivity in an area relevant to pediatrics/child health with an independent trajectory as demonstrated by one or more of the following:

* Recent (< 2-3 years) first or last author publication of original-science, hypothesis-related, peer-reviewed research from studies completed after completion of fellowship/research training.
* Nominee serving as a project leader within a collaborative research group or network, with relevant publications and funding supporting the role and productivity.
* Extramural grant funding in the Nominee’s primary research area, with description of Nominee’s role in securing funding, or as PI/multi-PI. Funding should be for investigator-initiated, hypothesis-related research. Training grants (e.g. T-series) do not meet this criterion, but individual career development (e.g., K series) and K99/R00 awards are considered.

1. Publication(s) demonstrating independent research (studies conducted after completion of research training period)

* Nominee must have one or more recent (< 2-3 years), quality, original-science, peer-reviewed publication(s) in a topic related to pediatrics or child health for work undertaken since completion of fellowship/research training. *Manuscripts that reflect work completed during the research training period do not qualify, nor do review or position papers, commentaries, or book chapters.* Middle author papers are considered if the Nominee has a leadership role relevant to the work, such as within the collaborative research group or network (needs to be described).
* If the fellowship mentor is listed as an author on qualifying publications or the Nominee continues to work in the same research environment after completion of training, specific information regarding the Nominee’s independent contributions should be provided. If more appropriate, a supplemental letter in this regard from the mentor or other faculty member with in-depth knowledge can address this aspect of independence.

1. Hypothesis-related research/current and active.

* Describe how the Nominee is engaged in hypothesis-related research as a major focus of their career.

Sincerely,

*[Your signature]*