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Dr. Jennifer Steeb  
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Dear Dr. Steeb:

I send this letter with genuine pleasure congratulating you on your promotion to Assistant Chemist in the Chemical Sciences and Engineering Division at Argonne National Laboratory.

As Acting Director of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), one of my top priorities is to lead the U.S. Government effort to grow and sustain the uniquely qualified technical expertise required to execute the nation's nuclear forensics mission. We established the National Nuclear Forensics Expertise Development Program to rescue an *in extremis* national security capability through the recruitment and development of outstanding students like you. DNDO can only be successful in its mission to prevent nuclear terrorism if we can ensure exceptional technical experts will take up the mantle.

Your promotion to Assistant Chemist at Argonne is particularly significant in that it makes you the first student to progress through the DNDO Nuclear Forensics Graduate Fellowship to the Nuclear Forensics Post-Doctoral Fellowship to a permanent staff position at a national laboratory. This is precisely the academic and career path we are striving to build through our collective expertise development efforts. Your accomplishments underscore your dedication and further, they represent an excellent success story for the program and for our mission as a whole.

I hope that your interests and aspirations keep you in the National Technical Nuclear Forensics community for years to come. Please help us spread the word, and stay in touch with us along the way. I commend you on your achievement and wish you much success and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Huban A. Gowadia".

Huban A. Gowadia, Ph.D.  
Acting Director