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Dear Colleague,

We are writing to you because of our increasing concern with the preservation of and access to macromolecular structure data and the derived molecular models. It is our intent to send the enclosed letter to the editors of a number of major journals in which such studies are usually published. The content of the letter is self-explanatory. The details of the proposal, which will certainly evolve, are less important than the general thrust. We hope very much that you would be willing to cosign this letter.

Since we are trying to get as much support as possible, it is unrealistic to attempt to get all of the original signatures on one letter. If you will join us, we ask that you sign and date the second copy of the final page and return it to F.M. Richards in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

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