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Prof. Mustafa El-Sayed
Editor, Journal of Physical Chemistry

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Dear Prof. El-Sayed,

I am delighted to learn that Neil, Moshe and Bruce have initiated an effort to create a special Festschrift issue of the Journal of Physical Chemistry honoring Prof. Richard Bersohn. I fully subscribe to their view considering Rich's numerous insightful, elegant and diverse contributions in the area of Physical Chemistry. As one of his graduate students, I have seen Rich from a close distance. I have always admired his profound depth in understanding physical principles, his outstanding ability to design simple but elegant experiments and his excellent personal qualities. My association with him has deeply influenced my scientific as well as personal life. I believe that a Festschrift issue of your journal on Rich's retirement will be a fitting way to show the community's respect and appreciation for his life-long contribution to the growth of the subject.

I shall be happy to submit an article to the intended special issue on either our recent work on the photodissociation dynamics of chloriodobenzenes in the ultraviolet or second harmonic generation from weak charge transfer complexes in solution, depending on the schedule of publication. Prof. Bersohn has made significant contributions in both the areas in different times in his career.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

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