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To the editor of the *AMS Notices*:

I am declining the invitation to be an AMS Fellow, and I urge others to do the same. The many harmful effects of this type of program were well explained in the August 2006 *Notices* by AMS past president David Eisenbud, who wrote, “A Fellows program goes against one of the things that makes mathematics special and wonderful: its uniquely egalitarian culture.”

Sincerely,

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