

**Statement by Paul G. Allen**

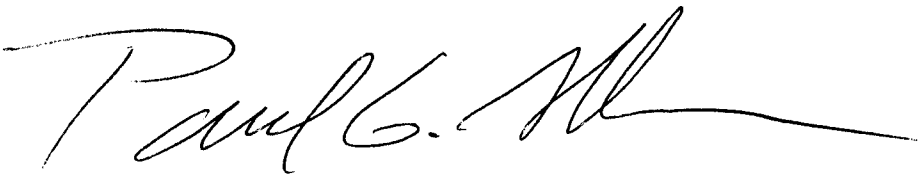
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For 20 years the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation has focused its philanthropy in the Pacific Northwest, where I live and work. I'm proud to have helped fund great work done by non-profit groups throughout the region. But there's always more to do. There are many challenges, both here in the northwest and around the world that I know will keep us broadening our reach and looking for ways to help.

My philanthropic efforts will continue after my lifetime. I've planned for many years now that the majority of my estate will be left to philanthropy to continue the work of the Foundation and to fund non-profit scientific research, like the ground breaking work being done at the Allen Institute for Brain Science.

Bill and Melinda have done so many great things around the world and I'm happy we were able to be partners in projects to increase teacher effectiveness, fund science and technology high schools and produce the documentary, *Rx for Survival, a Global Health Challenge*. Bill, Melinda and Warren have issued a worthy challenge to make our giving plans public, and I'm happy to add my name to the effort.

As our philanthropy continues in the years ahead, we will look for new opportunities to make a difference in the lives of future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul G. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.