

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Trump:

We write to you as both Members of Congress and as scientists, science educators, and science entrepreneurs. We have dedicated our careers to the pursuit of scientific discovery before coming to Washington, in laboratories and classrooms here on Earth, and in missions that reached far into space. We represent millions of Americans who will be deeply impacted by the recent proposed cuts to federal science programs and believe that the federal government has a fundamental obligation to support science and scientists. With that in mind, we call on you to immediately stop the dismantling of our nation's scientific enterprise.

Since your inauguration in January, representatives acting under your authority have worked to cut resources at key agencies leading the charge to make life better, safer, and more affordable for all Americans. The National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) each provide critical services to the American people and ensure that we remain competitive on the global stage, specifically against adversaries like China that are constantly aiming to outcompete and out-innovate. Our federal science agencies are not only critical to our success as a country, but they are also an economic investment that has paid massive dividends over many decades.

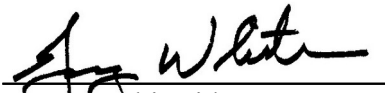
Science and technological advancements serve as the foundation for our healthcare system, safeguard our environment, drive economic growth, and strengthen our national security. Thanks to the work of scientists at federal agencies, we have witnessed breakthrough cancer treatments that lengthen and save lives from diseases like Alzheimer's, cancer, and heart disease; real-time weather data that is essential for anticipating and warning the public of catastrophic storms and natural hazards enhanced by climate change; and technological innovations that could unlock a generation of new American jobs and critical advancements for our security at home and abroad. Now, as a result of the proposed cuts, we stand to lose decades of progress against diseases, environmental threats, and our adversaries, all while our constituents bear the most severe consequences.

These attacks have continued despite public statements from the White House acknowledging the importance of scientific advancements for the United States' global leadership, especially in areas like artificial intelligence and quantum computing. At a time of great power competition in countering China, scientific research and advancement are critical. We cannot afford to undermine the future of our scientific leadership while our competitors increasingly advance their research and technological capabilities.

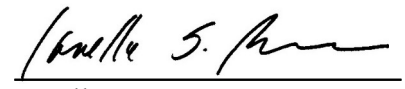
These actions must be reversed as soon as possible. We urge your administration to follow the longstanding principle of bipartisan support for the scientific community and national leaders who have made science a national priority, embracing it as a driver of economic growth, public health, and environmental safety. We must support our scientific workforce, invest in a dynamic research community across government, universities, and the private sector, and demonstrate an unequivocal commitment to advancing scientific discovery, not degrading it.

We look forward to your prompt response.


Sincerely,




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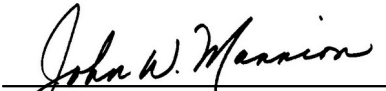
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