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Dear GSA Members,

The new year may bring changes in federal policies towards geoscience, Earth stewardship, and science funding. With so much change in the air, I wanted to remind all of you of some things that will remain constant. GSA remains committed to our motto: *“To advance geoscience research and discovery, service to society, stewardship of Earth, and the geosciences profession.”* Therefore, we will continue to:

- Promote scientific excellence by providing multiple forums, including high quality, peer-reviewed journals, meetings and field trips, where members and others can present and discuss the latest geoscience discoveries;
- Develop and foster a robust, diverse, and sustainable professional geoscience community by providing a rich variety of student opportunities for research and field experiences, as well as lifelong opportunities for professional engagement and enrichment;
- Strengthen public recognition of the relevance of geoscience to the well-being of society by serving as an authoritative resource to teachers, local governments and the media for geoscience topics and issues, including the sustainable development of earth resources and the health of its terrestrial, marine, and atmospheric systems;
- Share our knowledge with the government by promoting our position statements through direct Congressional visits or working alongside other science organizations to promote the importance of science and science funding to a healthy environment and strong economy.

We encourage your active involvement with GSA in any or all of these areas of commitment! Communicate your science in our [journals](#) or [meetings](#). Lead or participate in a field trip. [Mentor](#) a budding geoscientist in your class or workplace. Contribute your ideas and input to evolving [position statements](#). Volunteer to serve on a [GSA committee](#). Share your expertise in local classrooms and governing boards. Watch and comment on federal register notices. Participate in [Geoscience Congressional Visits Day](#) or other policy forums. *Help GSA promote positive change by staying true to the goals and mission of the Society!*

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