

August 20, 2018

The Honorable John Thune
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson:

On behalf of the undersigned science, engineering and academic organizations, we write to express our support for the nomination of Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier as Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Dr. Droegemeier is an eminently qualified scientist, with specific expertise in meteorology and climate, and we applaud his nomination and believe he would be an excellent OSTP Director and science advisor to the President.

Dr. Droegemeier will bring sterling scientific credentials and experience to the post of OSTP Director, being a distinguished professor at the University of Oklahoma, having served as Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary of Science and Technology and being a two-term member of the National Science Board, to name a few of his impressive credentials.

We urge the committee to move expeditiously to review and confirm Dr. Droegemeier, as the OSTP Director position has remained unfilled for more than 500 days. OSTP plays a critical role in not only being an advisor to the President, but also in coordinating the federal government's crucial science functions.

Should you have any questions, or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Glenn Ruskin, American Chemical Society, at g_ruskin@acs.org.

Sincerely;

Aerospace Industry Association
American Anthropological Association
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for Dental Research
American Chemical Society

American Educational Research Association
American Mathematical Society
American Psychological Association
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Sociological Association
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Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Consortium of Social Science Associations
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Council of Scientific Society Presidents
Crop Science Society of America
Ecological Society of America
Entomological Society of America
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Supporters of Agricultural Research
The Oceanography Society
The Science Coalition

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation