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Dr. Lander,

The undersigned organizations congratulate you on your confirmation to the position of Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). As the country emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, a robust scientific enterprise will provide the foundation for both rebuilding and prospering, and your leadership will be a crucial part of that effort

Elevating the OSTP Director to a Cabinet-level position serves as a measure of intent, and we thank the Administration for this significant recognition. Creating solutions for the challenges facing our country and the ever-present necessity to maintain American leadership in science and technology calls for this level of prominence and authority.

Your interdisciplinary experience and innovative approaches will serve our country especially well in addressing pressing issues, including bolstering the STEM talent pipeline, creating equity within the science and engineering ecosystem, developing clean-water and clean-energy solutions, and modernizing our scientific infrastructure. You understand the potential that research and development have to discover and accelerate solutions to today's urgent challenges and recognize the need to act now. As you have demonstrated throughout your career, research and dedication lead to the transformative discoveries and breakthrough technologies that continue to advance our understanding of the world and improve our quality of life.

We strongly agree with the President's January 20th letter that declared we must ensure the fruits of science and technology must be fully shared by all Americans. As scientific organizations, we are fully prepared to continue this progress and be a part of this pioneering moment in the American scientific enterprise.

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