Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2017

President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

We write to you to express our concern over what we believe are dangerous cuts to the Department of Energy's Office of Science in your budget blueprint. We would welcome a conversation with you on this issue and hope you will reconsider this cut as you craft your May Budget Request.

As the nation's primary sponsor of research in the physical sciences, the DOE Office of Science has built—and maintains—a unique collection of large-scale, cutting-edge, one-of-a-kind user facilities relied upon by over 33,000 researchers annually. Many of these users come from U.S. industry and others are conducting research for other key federal science agencies, such as the Department of Defense (DOD). Without these critical facilities, thousands of users would be forced to move their job-creating research activities overseas.

The DOE Office of Science has been integral to the development of several innovative technologies, including MRI machines and PET scans, new composite materials for military hardware and motor vehicles, medical and industrial isotopes, DNA sequencing technologies, more aerodynamic and fuel efficient long-haul trucks, an artificial retina, newer and safer nuclear reactor designs, 3-D models of pathogens for vaccine development, tools to manufacture nanomaterials, and better sensors and detectors for biological, chemical, and radioactive materials. A drastic cut to the Office of Science means forfeiting the next generation of breakthrough technologies to Asia or Europe.

By prioritizing funding for DOE scientific research you would preserve our capacity to innovate, reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, enhance our competitive edge in the global economy, improve our quality of life, ensure our national security, and create good American jobs well into the future. For these reasons, we urge you to reconsider the proposed cut to the DOE Office of Science and show the American people that are committed maintaining America's scientific leadership.

Sincerely,

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