

The Honorable John Culberson, Chairman
The Honorable Mike Honda, Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
H-310 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Culberson and Ranking Member Honda:

The undersigned geoscience organizations and our tens of thousands of Earth, ocean, and space scientist members thank you for recognizing the value of all of the National Science Foundation's Directorates by taking a balanced and inclusive approach to funding the agency.

Each Directorate at NSF makes vital contributions to the national interest. NSF's Geoscience Directorate, for example, is a major source of U.S. funding for Earth, ocean, atmospheric, and polar research and education. Investments in geoscience research and education help to ensure our nation's economic strength, public well-being, and national security.

Thank you again for your support for the geosciences and we look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen the American scientific enterprise.

Sincerely,

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

American Geophysical Union

American Geosciences Institute

American Institute of Professional Geologists

American Meteorological Society

Consortium for Ocean Leadership

Geological Society of America

National Association of Marine Laboratories

National Ground Water Association

Seismological Society of America

Soil Science Society of America