

August 10, 2015

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Chris Coons  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Schatz and Coons,

The undersigned organizations write to express our sincere thanks for championing the amendment to provide the Office of Management and Budget the flexibility to update its M-12-12 memo during the recent markup of the FY 2016 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act on July 23, 2015.

We greatly appreciate your strong support for science, technology, and innovation and for the many members of our organizations who are federal employees or contractors at agencies across a broad spectrum of scientific and technical disciplines.

We look forward to working with you further to find a solution that provides OMB the ability to update its guidance and ensures sustained transparency and accountability in federal spending without impacting scientific progress and innovation.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry  
Aerospace Industries Association  
Alliance for Aging Research  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Petroleum Geologists  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American Educational Research Association  
American Geophysical Union  
American Heart Association  
American Helicopter Society  
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
American Institute of Physics

American Mathematical Society  
American Neurological Association  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Animal Science  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Aquatic Plant Management Society  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium for Ocean Leadership  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of Scientific Society Presidents  
Crop Science Society of America  
Ecological Society of America  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Genetics Society of America  
Geological Society of America  
Global Health Council  
Health Physics Society  
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society  
IEEE-USA  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Materials Research Society  
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research  
National Council for Science and the Environment  
National Ground Water Association  
Ornithological Council  
Poultry Science Association  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Society for Research in Child Development  
Soil Science Society of America  
SPIE  
The Optical Society  
The Psychonomic Society  
University of California System  
Weed Science Society of America