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The Honorable Eric Lander  
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Executive Office of the President

Dear Dr. Lander:

On behalf of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA), congratulations on your recent confirmation and becoming the first Science Advisor and OSTP Director elevated to the Cabinet.

The American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America represent more than 8,000 scientists and students, 13,500 Certified Crop Advisers (CCA), and over 600 Certified Professional Soil Scientists (CPSS). We are one of the largest coalitions of scientists and professionals dedicated to food security, environmental stewardship, and climate resilience.

Our members stand ready to offer evidence-based knowledge as you work to advance President Biden's research agenda. We are committed to finding innovative solutions to address today's challenges in climate change, world hunger, water scarcity, and energy, while ensuring our programs and discoveries are accessible to all Americans.

We look forward to joining you in the work ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Volenec".

Jeffrey J. Volenec, Ph.D.  
ASA President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P.V. Vara Prasad".

P.V. Vara Prasad, Ph.D.  
CSSA President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "April L. Ulery".

April L. Ulery, Ph.D.  
SSSA President