Senator Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Roger Wicker
Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell, Ranking Member Wicker, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation,

As advocates in the science and technology community, we write today to offer our strong support for President Biden's nominee to lead the White House Office on Science and Technology Policy, Dr. Arati Prabhakar and urge her swift confirmation.

Dr. Arati Prabhakar's appointment as the President's science advisor and nomination to lead the Office of Science and Technology Policy is a boon for the advancement of science, technology, and innovation in the U.S. Dr. Prabhakar's reputation is that of a technical problem solver and talented manager. She will work across the federal government in order to drive economic growth, create jobs, and address critical threats to Americans' public health and wellbeing.

Dr. Prabhakar is a proven leader who brings the right mix of multisector experience in government, industry, and academia, making her an outstanding choice to join the Cabinet as the OSTP Director. Her PhD is in applied physics from the California Institute of Technology, she is the first woman to lead the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), she spent a decade in the private sector, and she led the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). This extensive experience uniquely positions her to set and implement a path forward for U.S. science and technology.

Dr. Prabhakar is the ideal scientist and leader for this crucial role, and we urge Congress to approve her nomination as swiftly as possible. We thank you for your commitment to science and technology and stand ready to work with you to confirm Dr. Prabhakar to lead the OSTP.

Sincerely,

American Anthropological Association American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research American Association for the Advancement of Science American Chemical Society American Educational Research Association

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

American Institute of Biological Sciences

American Physiological Society

American Psychological Association

American Society for Cell Biology

American Society for Microbiology

American Society of Agronomy

Association for Women in Science

Association of Science and Technology Centers

Coalition for the Life Sciences

Crop Science Society of America

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Federation of American Scientists

Georgia Institute of Technology

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