

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