

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3302

September 20, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On October 1st, the United States will celebrate the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1958. While NASA is renowned for its achievements in space exploration, its contributions extend to numerous other fields, including aeronautics, Earth science, and advanced technologies that benefit everyday life. American investments in science and technology have had a profound impact on national progress, economic growth, and societal well-being. Yet despite centuries of American scientific achievement and reliance on scientific research, the United States does not officially recognize a National Science Day.

As you know, scientific research leads to knowledge, products, and processes that continually improve many sectors, including technology, economics, manufacturing, education, health care, transportation, defense, agriculture, animal welfare, commerce, and many more. More than 7 million Americans work in science and engineering, and over 17 million Americans are part of the skilled technical workforce in occupations employing science and engineering expertise and technical knowledge. At least 18 federal government departments and agencies rely on a scientifically trained workforce, and our scientists play a vital role in keeping the United States and the world safe and secure. Furthermore, the percentage of historically underrepresented groups in the science and engineering workforce demographic is growing and strengthening the United States economy.

Mr. President, we recognize that science is an issue of importance to you, having nominated the first Office of Science and Technology Policy director in United States history to serve in the President's Cabinet. In order to properly recognize and celebrate American scientific achievement and inspire the next generation to continue this honorable and vital tradition, we urge you to issue a proclamation designating October 1, 2024 or an appropriate day as National Science Day in the United States. The designation of this date would honor the spirit of scientific inquiry and innovation that NASA embodies, recognize the collective efforts of American scientists and researchers in all areas, and serve as a powerful reminder of how science drives national progress and inspires future generations to pursue scientific knowledge and discovery.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

CC: The Honorable Arati Prabhakar
The Honorable Bill Nelson

Sincerely,



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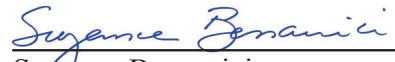
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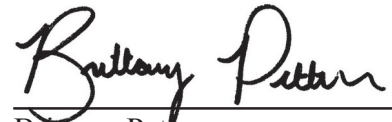
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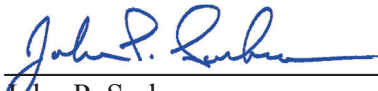
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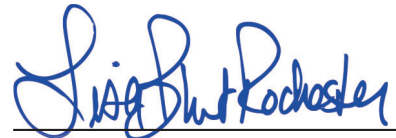
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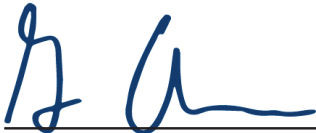
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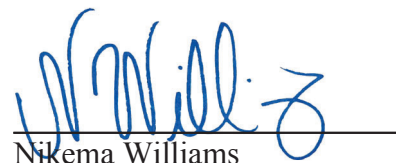
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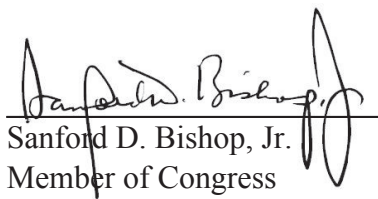
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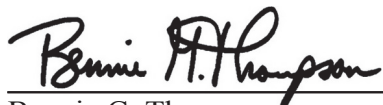
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