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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Foster  
2366 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Durbin and Congressman Foster:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its more than 60,000 members, I am writing to endorse the American Innovation Act and to thank you for crafting this important bill.

The American Innovation Act provides stable and increasing funding for federal agencies that are critical for our nation. A five-percent budget increase per year over the next five years for NSF, NASA Science Mission, NIST, DOE Office of Science and DOD Science and Technology Programs will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, add billions of dollars to our gross industrial output and lead to the development of technologies that will protect our national security and the health and well-being of our citizens. Federal investment in America's scientific enterprise will also drive innovation and ensure that the U.S. remains a leader in global science.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of long-term investments in science for innovation and building a sustainable future. AGU looks forward to working with you on this critical issue in the future.

With best wishes,

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