

July 8, 2022

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Science and Transportation  
254 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Science and Transportation  
254 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

The undersigned organizations urge the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation to promptly consider the nominee Dr. Arati Prabhakar for the position of Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

As you know, OSTP serves an essential role in America's scientific enterprise. It is charged with providing the President and staff within the Executive Office of the President advice on the effects of science and technology on domestic and international affairs. Additionally, OSTP leads interagency efforts to develop and implement science and technology policy and ensures that the scientific and technical work across the Executive Branch agencies is properly coordinated. Given its importance to US science and technology, it is imperative that the Senate promptly considers an individual once nominated by the President.

We are pleased to see that the White House has now put forward a nomination for the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

We look forward to the prompt consideration of Dr. Arati Prabhakar for this appointment.

Sincerely,

American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
American Institute of Physics  
American Mathematical Society  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society of Agronomy

American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Women in Science  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Science and Technology Centers  
Biophysical Society  
Crop Science Society of America  
Ecological Society of America  
Federation of American Scientists  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Geological Society of America  
Optica (formerly OSA), Advancing Optics and Photonics Worldwide  
Population Association of America  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society of Women Engineers  
Soil Science Society of America  
SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics