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Dear Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson,

On behalf of Research!America, the nation's largest not-for-profit advocacy and public education alliance committed to ensuring fast-paced scientific and medical progress, we urge you to move swiftly to confirm Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier as the next head of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

We appreciate the President's decision to nominate Dr. Droegemeier, who is extraordinarily well equipped for this multi-faceted role. We recognize that the Director of OSTP not only leads this critically important office, but serves as trusted counsel to the President and ensures federal agencies have the benefit of dispassionate scientific input on policy and regulatory issues. Dr. Droegemeier's academic and professional contributions – from providing leadership to numerous science and engineering centers that have dramatically advanced atmospheric science, to serving on the National Science Board under both Republican and Democratic Administrations – speak to his capacity to ably fulfill the role of OSTP Director.

We are confident that Dr. Droegemeier will serve our nation with vision, integrity, and a determination to ensure the U.S. fully capitalizes on science and technology to advance the goals and aspirations of the American people. Thank you for considering Research!America's views, and please call on our alliance if we can be of assistance to you and your staff members during the confirmation process.

Sincerely,

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