



August 20, 2018

The Honorable John Thune  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senators:

On behalf of the 180,000 men and women represented by the IEEE-USA in the United States, I urge you to approve the nomination of Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier as the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and to do so quickly.

Dr. Droegemeier is eminently qualified to be the next Director of OSTP. He is a tenured professor of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma and an internationally recognized expert in extreme weather events. Moreover, Dr. Droegemeier has already helped set America's research priorities for over twenty years – as a leader with the National Science Board (including two terms as Vice Chair) and as Director and Deputy Director at the National Science Foundation's Center for Analysis and Prediction of Storms. Additionally, Dr. Droegemeier has also served as the Secretary of Science and Technology for the Governor of Oklahoma since 2017.

In short, Dr. Droegemeier is a highly accomplished researcher, a globally respected scientist and an experienced adviser on public policy, which is exactly what this country needs in an OSTP Director.

The position of Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy plays a critically important role in setting technology and science policy for the United States. IEEE-USA is certain that Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier is the person to fill this role.

We urge you to expeditiously approve Dr. Droegemeier's nomination.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Robinson

2018 President, IEEE-USA

cc: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee members