



September 19, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators,

On behalf the 180,000 men and women represented by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers – USA (IEEE-USA), I commend the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee for its unanimous support of Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, nominated as Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. I now urge the full Senate to quickly confirm Dr. Droegemeier and allow him to start serving the American people.

Dr. Droegemeier is eminently qualified for this position. He is a tenured professor of meteorology at the University of Oklahoma and an internationally recognized expert in extreme weather events. He has already helped set America's research priorities for over 20 years – as a leader of 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. Dr. Droegemeier has also served as the Secretary of Science and Technology for the Governor of Oklahoma since 2017.

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. Dr. Droegemeier's exceptional qualifications have earned him broad bipartisan support and dozens of endorsements from fellow scientists and engineers. Your expeditious confirmation ensures that Dr. Droegemeier can begin his important work without delay.

We know that Dr. Droegemeier will lead the Office of Science and Technology Policy with distinction and integrity, ensuring that America remains a world leader in technological innovation through potentially transformative research efforts in the years to come. We urge you to support his speedy confirmation.

Sincerely,

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