

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,
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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