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The Honorable Richard Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and our community of 130,000 worldwide in the Earth and space sciences, I am writing to thank you for crafting and offering AGU's official endorsement for the American Innovation Act.

The American Innovation Act provides stable and increasing funding for federal agencies that are critical for our nation. A real five-percent budget increase per year over the next ten years for NSF, NASA Science Mission, NIST, DOE Office of Science and DOD Science and Technology Programs will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, add billions of dollars to our gross industrial output and lead to the development of technologies that will protect our national security and the health and well-being of our citizens. Federal investment in America's scientific enterprise drives innovation and ensures that the U.S. remains a leader in science.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of long-term investments in science for innovation and building a sustainable future. AGU looks forward to working with you on this critical issue in the future.

With best wishes,



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