August 10, 2015

The Honorable Brian Schatz
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Chris Coons
127A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Schatz and Coons,

The undersigned organizations write to express our sincere thanks for championing the amendment to provide the Office of Management and Budget the flexibility to update its M-12-12 memo during the recent markup of the FY 2016 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act on July 23, 2015.

We greatly appreciate your strong support for science, technology, and innovation and for the many members of our organizations who are federal employees or contractors at agencies across a broad spectrum of scientific and technical disciplines.

We look forward to working with you further to find a solution that provides OMB the ability to update its guidance and ensures sustained transparency and accountability in federal spending without impacting scientific progress and innovation.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry
Aerospace Industries Association
Alliance for Aging Research
American Anthropological Association
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Petroleum Geologists
American Association of Physics Teachers
American Astronomical Society
American Chemical Society
American Educational Research Association
American Geophysical Union
American Heart Association
American Helicopter Society
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
American Institute of Physics
Society for Research in Child Development
Soil Science Society of America
SPIE
The Optical Society
The Psychonomic Society
University of California System
Weed Science Society of America