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President Donald Trump
The White House
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Dear President Trump:

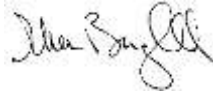
Federal scientists spur new discoveries that drive innovation and new technologies – keeping our Nation’s businesses competitive, creating jobs, and developing new industries. Private sector successes depend in part on the accurate and reliable research performed by federal scientists and the data they produce. On behalf of over 20,000 crop, soil, and agronomic scientists and practitioners, the membership of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America, we ask that you protect and defend the scientific integrity of federal scientists.

Scientific discovery is inspiring, essential and cost-beneficial to all Americans. It serves the public interest through new technologies and services, protects communities with accurate forecasts, and provides decision-makers with a wealth of information crucial to effective public policy. But these benefits rely upon the scientific freedom of researchers and the open exchange of sound, peer-reviewed data. Federal scientists must be free to draw evidence-based conclusions and communicate their findings with the general public. Without such freedom, public trust in information coming from federal institutions will erode, and technological advancements in the private sector will slow.

All scientists rely on robust federal science and data to benefit Americans’ daily lives – ensuring a safe, nutritious, affordable, and plentiful food supply that is produced with sustainable technologies. We ask that you act quickly to protect federal scientists, bolstering the integrity and credibility of your Administration, and ensuring America continues to lead the world in scientific research and innovation.

We stand ready to work with you to ensure America's food and agricultural research enterprise remains strong and continues to drive innovation and new technologies.

Sincerely,



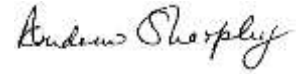
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