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Dear Dr. Droegemeier:

On behalf of the Materials Research Society, I congratulate you for confirmation by the US Senate to lead the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). We at MRS are pleased that a scientist of your experience and reputation will lead this office.

Based in Warrendale, Pennsylvania, MRS is a scientific society of almost 14,000 researchers from academia, industry and government, and is a recognized leader in the advancement of interdisciplinary materials research. MRS members come from over 90 countries worldwide and are at the forefront of research and teaching in the fields of materials science, physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and engineering.

Historically, MRS has enjoyed a strong working relationship with the OSTP, as our Society and members have great interest in the many responsibilities held by this office. MRS members work at the cutting edges of fundamental scientific research and technological applications. We represent a crucial segment of our national scientific enterprise.

With the passage of the new National Quantum Initiative Act, we also have interest in working with your office to set national priorities in emerging areas such as quantum information science.

We look forward to working with you and your office in the future. Again, congratulations, and if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to follow up with Damon Dozier, our Director of Government Affairs, who is based in Washington, DC. He can be reached at 202-721-0077 or dozier@mrs.org.

Best,

Mike Fitzsimmons
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