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| Committee | <b>Full Government Affairs Committee (GAC)</b>    |
| Date/Time | <b>Tuesday, 26 October 2021 / 3:00 pm eastern</b> |

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| <b>Participants</b>   |  |            |
| <b>Next call</b>      | November 23, 2021 @ 3 pm ET                                  |            |
| <b>Responsibility</b> | <b>Action Items</b>  | <b>Due</b> |
| <b>GAC</b>            | Review Materials Voice Letters and provide comments to Damon | October 29 |
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### Welcome

Loucas welcomed everyone and noted that he is looking forward to the Fall Meeting in Boston.

### Washington DC Update

A 2021 fiscal year DOD appropriations chart was sent in advance of the meeting. House and Senate funding numbers are quite different and will need reconciled. All of the appropriations bills are supposed to be signed by the President in October but this rarely happens. Speaker Pelosi stated that she thinks an agreement from the House can be made by October 29 but this seems overly optimistic.

Applied Research has been cut across the board and this will be discussed at CVD, as well as at the Federal Agency Summit. Overall, there is benefit to the agencies important to MRS in what the Senate is proposing.

A memo on research and development priorities, focused on AI, quantum, and climate research, was released. It can be shared upon request.

### Working Group Reports

#### **Grass Roots Advocacy Working Group**

Every year GAC prepares letters on science policy issues that members can send to legislators via Materials Voice. With Materials Voice, by providing your name and address a customized letter will be sent to an individual's representatives on Capitol Hill. The topics for Materials Voice letters at the Fall Meeting are as follows:

- Final passage of USICA (United States Innovations and Competitiveness Act)
- Increased federal funding for the Defense Science and Technology programs
- Stable, predictable and increased appropriations for basic research during times of continuing resolution

**These letters were circulated prior to the meeting and any comments should be sent to Damon no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Policy Outreach Working Group**

There are four different projects underway:

- Research Funding Opportunity Sessions – planned for early December, following the Fall Meeting. NSF and DOE have confirmed.
- Federal Agency Summit – is scheduled for the morning of November 17. Primary topics are related to realigning research interests of federal agencies in order to regain the edge the U.S. has historically had in science and engineering. To date, seven confirmations have been received.
- CVD (Congressional Visit Day) and AVD (Agency Visit Day) - scheduled for November 2 and 3. Invitations have been sent and two confirmations have been received to date. The Working Group is meeting tomorrow to review the slide deck and talking points of what will be discussed.

Loucas concluded the meeting by mentioning that if anyone is comfortable meeting in-person at the Fall Meeting in Boston to let him know. Kris Uher can offer help in reserving meeting space.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm ET