



December 21, 2016

The Honorable Rick Perry
Office of the President-elect
1800 F St NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Perry,

I write today on behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society, to offer you any and all assistance in accessing the scientific resources and technological know-how that you may need as Secretary of Energy to address the country's most pressing challenges.

As Secretary, you will be leading a Department that can benefit tremendously from the outcomes of scientific research and input from scientists and engineers across a range of fields. We encourage you to appoint leading scientists and engineers to key posts on your team to ensure you have timely scientific and technical input on the important policy decisions you will face.

The Department of Energy is the largest funder of basic research in the physical sciences, from cutting-edge investigations in materials science and biology as it relates to energy production, to crucial work to ensure the safety and reliability of our nuclear arsenal. This work serves to ensure our nation's energy security and advance the goal of energy independence, as well as furthering our resilience against both cyber and physical attacks and extreme weather events.

The AAAS counts more than 100,000 members across every science and engineering discipline. We have a suite of programs focused on areas where science intersects society – from funding for research and development to education to diplomacy, and more. We publish high-quality research in our *Science* family of journals. The U.S. scientific community and the AAAS, in particular, are American assets at your disposal.

We look forward to working with you and your team at the Department of Energy to ensure that you are able to draw on high quality scientific evidence to craft policies that best serve the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rush Holt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rush D. Holt
Chief Executive Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Executive Publisher, *Science* Family of Journals