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Dear Dr. Isern -

On behalf of the undersigned geoscience organizations representing hundreds of thousands of Earth and space scientists, congratulations on your selection as Assistant Director of the Directorate for Geosciences at the National Science Foundation. We stand ready to work with you and your staff to fulfill the Directorate's critical work to advance understanding of the global environment, drive technological innovation and create the next generation of geoscientists.

During our meeting with the Directorate in February, we were encouraged to hear about its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Broadening participation in the Earth and space sciences is a priority for all our groups to fulfill the goals of addressing historic inequities in the sciences, strengthening the quality and creativity of the geoscience enterprise, and leading to innovative solutions for our current and future challenges.

Our organizations were also encouraged by your team's efforts to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on geoscientists, especially graduate students and early career researchers. As our society and the sciences recover from the last two years, we hope you will consider our organizations a partner in nurturing and growing the geoscience ecosystem.

Additionally, we look forward to working with your team to accelerate the advancement of climate and hazards research, translational research, and convergence research; all of which are vital to the future of our nation and planet.

Congratulations again, and we look forward to deepening our relationship with you and the Directorate as we make progress on these and many other critical issues. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us as a resource.

Sincerely,

American Geophysical Union (AGU)  
Geological Society of America  
Seismological Society of America  
Soil Science Society of America