



Office of the President

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Dear Colleague:

A donation to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is not simply a transaction. It's a partnership and a recognition of the importance of an influential, informed scientific voice, one without an agenda. A voice, that addresses critical societal and global issues, increases public understanding and appreciation of science, nurtures tomorrow's scientific leadership, and improves the culture and practice of science. Our reputation for scientific excellence and integrity, leadership in science for policy, and convening power would not be what it is today without your partnership.

You enable our work to continue when and where it is needed most. Together, we are making a difference by addressing core issues around the COVID-19 pandemic, economic recovery, racial equity, climate change, and the nation's infrastructure. Thanks to your support, we can move closer to achieving our vision of a nation and world in which people understand science to be foundational to their lives, and recognize our advice as *the gold standard* for evidence-based public policies. **Join me in making a gift today.**

That philanthropic partnership was critical to our recent national summit on *Addressing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism in 21st Century STEMM Organizations*. Most notably, funds from the Ralph J. and Carol M. Cicerone Endowment for NAS Missions—which raised \$20 million from Academy members, friends, and staff like you—made this timely and necessary event possible. The summit's sessions explored the structural inequalities and biases—in society in general and in STEMM—that drive underrepresentation, and it examined approaches that can help remedy them. The Cicerone Endowment also helped launch our recently announced *Strategic Council for Research Excellence, Integrity, and Trust*. Please see the accompanying insert for more examples of how your giving is making an impact.

I am so grateful for the time and resources that you and other NAS members and friends contribute. Whether you are providing unrestricted support to the Annual Fund, program-specific funding to our public engagement initiatives, or contributing toward our endowment funds to ensure long-term financial health, you are a partner in our work. Please donate to the NAS to demonstrate your commitment to this partnership. ***Together***, we are making a difference through the promotion of evidence-based advice. ***Together***, we are building a more resilient future for the U.S. and the world. ***Together***, we are responding to the pandemic and its wide-reaching effects. **Thank you for your partnership.**

Yours sincerely,

Marcia McNutt
President



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