



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Office of the President

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Dear Colleague:

The world is changing rapidly, and now more than ever the voice and influence of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) are needed. By offering support to our Ukrainian colleagues; aiding Afghan scientists to escape conflict; responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects; and our ongoing efforts to provide actionable guidance to combat climate change, your support helps to ensure that the Academy is nimble and strategic when responding to urgent challenges in the nation and around the world.

Your donation also helps people who are searching for facts about topics that are important to their lives when misinformation and disinformation are rampant. **Join me in making a gift today to ensure that this work continues to grow in its impact and influence.**

Your support strengthens our voice and empowers the Academy to:

- **Sustain** resettlement efforts of Ukrainian scholars and their families, displaced by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, through the **Safe Passage Fund** of the *Scientists and Engineers in Exile or Displaced* program.
- **Nurture** the next generation of leaders in science, engineering, and medicine through the **Christine Mirzayan Fellowship** program and the **Kavli Frontiers of Science** symposia.
- **Celebrate** extraordinary scientific achievements and promote understanding of science through prizes like the **Maryam Mirzakhani Math Prize** and the recently launched **Eric and Wendy Schmidt Awards for Excellence in Science Communication**.
- **Engage** with the public through the **Cultural Programs of the NAS**, **LabX**, and **The Science & Entertainment Exchange** to foster appreciation for the impact of science and to stimulate critical and innovative thinking.

As a private independent scientific Academy that receives no direct government funding, your philanthropic support plays a critical role in everything we do. Whether you provide unrestricted support to the Annual Fund, program-specific funding to our public engagement initiatives, or contribute to our endowment funds to ensure the Academy's long-term financial health, **you enable our voice to continue speaking out for all people.** Please donate today to ensure that we can continue this vital work of communicating to and connecting with the people who use, depend on, and seek it out.

Yours sincerely,

Marcia McNutt
President



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