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Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan
Director, National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Director Panchanathan:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), I want to congratulate you on your new role as the Director of the National Science Foundation. AGU shares your mission of advancing science for the benefit of society as well as your priorities of “advancing research into the future, ensuring inclusivity and continuing global leadership in science and engineering.”

AGU, an organization representing a community of 130,000 in the Earth and space sciences, stands ready to work with you and your staff to support the Foundation’s critical work that underlies our national security, public health, and economic prosperity.

As you focus on your top priorities for NSF, we hope you will consider AGU as a resource and partner. In that spirit, I would like to suggest a meeting in the near future with Randy Fiser, who will start as AGU’s new CEO and Executive Director on 17 August 2020, to discuss your priorities and goals. AGU’s Director of the Executive Office, Mary Bender, can help to facilitate a meeting. She can be reached at mbender@agu.org. Please feel free also to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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