



27 August 2015

The Honorable Chris Coons  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) more than 60,000 members - Earth and space scientists striving to advance scientific research for the benefit of humanity - I would like to endorse the Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science Act of 2015.

As a community dedicated to advancing the understanding of Earth and Space science, we support the bills' intention to harness America's ingenuity and innovative talent by encouraging citizen scientists. The Earth and planetary sciences and their applications have large implications for public health and safety, economic development, protection of our environment and ecosystems, and national security. Crowdsourcing and citizen science have the ability to accelerate America's advancement in these sciences and create numerous societal benefits. We also applaud the bills' intent to further the scope of scientific research and knowledge into nontraditional sectors and engage citizens in the sciences.

The purpose of AGU is to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity. Our members are working on research and development for a wide array of Earth and space science topics, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in strengthening the American scientific enterprise.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine W. McEntee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end.

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