



The Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chairwoman &
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Chairwoman Landrieu and Ranking Member Murkowski:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its over 62,000 members – Earth and space scientists striving to advance scientific research for the benefit of humanity, I commend the President’s nomination of Dr. Suzette Kimball to serve as Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

Before assuming the USGS Acting Director position last year, Kimball served as the Survey’s Deputy Director from 2010 to 2013; as the Associate Director for Geology from 2008 to 2010; as the Director for the Eastern Region from 2004 to 2008; and as the Eastern Regional Executive for Biology from 1998 to 2004. Previous to joining USGS, Kimball worked in the public service in both the National Park Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In her various leadership roles with the Survey, Kimball has effectively led and executed scientific and administrative functions supported by USGS’s budget. Additionally, Kimball has authored more than 75 technical publications on issues dealing with coastal zone management, coastal ecosystem science, and natural resource management and served in numerous prestigious appointments, including the National Academy of Science’s Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability. Kimball has twice received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Leadership and the Secretary’s Gold Award for Executive Leadership.

With her scientific expertise and decades of exceptional public service, Kimball is an excellent choice to lead USGS in its mission to provide reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine W McEntee". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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