



12 April 2016

The Honorable Senator Gary Peters  
724 Hart Senate Office building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Peters:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its more than 60,000 members, I am writing to endorse the Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act and to thank you for crafting this important bill.

Space weather has the potential to inflict trillions of dollars of damage on our economy, weaken our national security, and alter our way of life. We support the bill's approach of creating a national, coordinated plan to advance our understanding of the relationship between the sun and Earth and to ensure the development of new technologies and forecasting capabilities to mitigate the threat posed by space weather. As a community dedicated to advancing the understanding of Earth and space science, we applaud the bill's intent to further scientifically informed action towards disaster preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery.

AGU looks forward to working with you on this critical issue in the future.

With best wishes,

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

Christine W. McEntee  
CEO/Executive Director  
American Geophysical Union