

## Sample Script on the Value of Earth and Space Science in Your District

Thank you for taking my call. My name is Susan Meyers and I live in Northwest Washington, D.C. I am one of your constituents.

I am calling to talk to you about the value of Earth and Space science in our district. I urge you to support strong funding for our federal science agencies in FY18 spending legislation.

Earth and space scientists are critical to Washington, D.C. From accurate weather forecasting that ensures the safety of DC residents during severe weather; to preservation of our local parks and cherry blossom trees for recreation and tourism; to efforts to clean up both the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, geoscientists play a key role in keeping our nation's capital beautiful, safe, and prosperous.

- *Details and examples of Earth and space science in your district – including what values the science brings to the district.*

As you know, several federal science agencies, including NASA, NOAA, NSF, USGS, EPA, and DOE have facilities in and around the Washington, D.C. area. Funding for these agencies not only provides our nation with valuable science but also supports thousands of D.C. scientists that you represent.

- *Other information needed to explain why the office and member should care.*

Please oppose any cuts in FY18 appropriations bills for our nation's science agencies, including NASA, NOAA, NSF, and USGS.

- *Exactly what you want the member to do (an action that you can assess yes the member did it or not)*

Earth and space science is critical for our nation and our state's public health and safety, national security, and economic vitality.

Thank you for your time and your efforts to make our state a great place to live and work.

- *Remember to thank the staffer for their time*

*\*\*\*If you are able to talk to the staffer handling these issues, also ask:*

- Can we count on the office to support science?
- What are the office's science priorities?
- What is the office working on in regards to science policy?