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The Honorable Kristen Kulinowski  
Director, Science and Technology Policy Institute  
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Dear Director Kulinowski,

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), I want to congratulate you on your new role as the Director of the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI). As an organization representing a community of 130,000 in the Earth and space sciences, AGU stands ready to help you and your staff fulfill STPI's efforts to use objective analyses to answer the most challenging U.S. security and science policy questions.

We are especially inspired by your leadership in emergency preparedness and response. AGU members play an important role in service of society. Their research covers the breadth of the Earth and space sciences – from the depths of the oceans to the expanses of space – and they endeavor to promote discovery for the benefit of humanity. AGU members work daily to advance safety and resiliency by researching pressing geohealth and security risks from natural hazards such as wildfires, space storms, and catastrophic flooding. We stand ready to bring our expertise to bear on these complex issues. Additionally, we look forward to working with you to advance STPI's STEM workforce, environment, and space science and technology policy portfolios.

As you focus on your top priorities as Director, we hope you will consider AGU a resource and partner. Please feel free also to contact me or AGU's Director of the Executive Office, Mary Bender at [mbender@agu.org](mailto:mbender@agu.org) at any time.

Sincerely,

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

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