



31 July 2020

The Honorable David Price  
2108 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Price,

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its community of 130,000 Earth and space scientists, I would like to thank you for your leadership on the amendment to block the use of federal funding for the EPA Transparency in Science rule. As we stated in [our letter](#) to the EPA, this rule and its previous variations could have widespread negative consequences for public health and the environment, and we believe the policy should not move forward.

AGU appreciates your commitment to scientific integrity and shares many of the sentiments you made in your floor statement. AGU stressed to EPA that this new rule undermines the peer review process and would exclude data that cannot be shared or replicated, such as private health information. We as a nation need to ensure that we are addressing the pressing issues facing our communities by using and disseminating accurate, peer reviewed and up-to-date scientific information. We are grateful to you and your colleagues for supporting this mission and working to prevent the Transparency in Science rule from being implemented.

AGU's mission is to advance discovery in Earth and space sciences and its benefit for humanity and the environment. We look forward to working with you to advance our shared commitment to these issues in the future. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if AGU can be a resource to your office.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lexi Shultz'.

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