



26 July 2017

Dear Congressman Perlmutter:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its 60,000 members, I am writing to endorse the Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act (H.R. 3086) 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. We also appreciate the bill's recognition that a partnership between industry, academia, and federal agencies is needed to further our understanding and capacity to address of 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 as this legislation advances.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine W. McEntee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Christine W. McEntee
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CC
Chairman Lamar Smith
Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson

