



29 January 2018

The Honorable Jim Langevin
2077 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Elise Stefanik
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Langevin and Congresswoman Stefanik,

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its more than 60,000 members, I would like to thank you for writing to President Trump and urging him to recognize climate change as an important aspect of America's national security strategy.

We very much appreciate your leadership in pointing out these critical concerns through your letter. AGU hopes to ensure that all legislators have access to the best available science to inform the pressing issues of today and the future. We would love to work with your office to advance climate science knowledge on Capitol Hill and welcome any ideas for collaboration you might have. Please let us know if you would like to meet to discuss how we can work together on this important issue.

From human migration due to changing environments and resource scarcity, to the opening of the Arctic to new exploration and commerce, to sea level rise, our changing climate has the potential to create numerous security challenges for America and its' citizens. It is imperative that climate change, and more broadly science, be incorporated into national strategies by our leaders. While science is not the only factor decision-makers should consider, decision-makers who fail to take into account the best available science do so at the detriment of our country.

The purpose of AGU is to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity, and our members work towards this goal every day on a wide variety of research areas, including climate change. AGU stands ready to follow your lead and work with you to ensure that science continues to have a voice in our government.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine W. McEntee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Christine W. McEntee
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