Dear Colleague,

We invite you to join us as an original cosponsor of the ***Science Laureates of the United States Act of 2013.***  At a time when American children need a stronger background in scientific education, as our society becomes ever more technical, and when we need more Americans to appreciate the critical importance of scientific advancement to our success and survival in the 21st century, America needs a spokesperson for science. Modern scientists from Albert Einstein to Neil deGrasse Tyson have proven if they are given a platform to speak from they can capture public attention and inspire Americans.

We have a poet laureate who writes poetry and promotes literature as a national figure. We also have a Surgeon General who can speak to the nation on health care. We have awards for scientists, such as the National Medal of Science, but these are for past accomplishments and do not include any expectation of outreach and engagement.

A Science Laureate would be both an award for an exceptional scientist, and a pedestal from which that scientist could speak to the nation. This accomplished individual will be a single active voice declaring the excitement and importance of scientific discovery. Explaining how physics undergirds the Internet and maps the universe; how biology develops cures and allows for our food production; or how mathematics informs every scientific breakthrough and directly advances our daily lives.

This legislation has been developed in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, who will help nominate and coordinate Laureates. This honorary position will be appointed by the President to serve for a one year term.

Please join us in supporting this endeavor of elevating, and highlighting, the importance of science to the nation while also honoring our nation’s scientists. For more information or to add your name as an original cosponsor please contact …

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren Lamar Smith

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