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Dear Dr. Lander,

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), I wish to congratulate you on your recent confirmation as the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). As the largest coalition of biological and biomedical researchers in the United States, representing 29 member societies and over 130,000 individual scientists, we are eager to work with you and your team to further the Biden Administration's efforts to reinvigorate the Nation's science and technology strategy.

President Biden is fortunate to have a scientist with your vast experience assembling interdisciplinary research teams and guiding public policy at the helm of OSTP and as a member of his Cabinet. While the COVID-19 pandemic posed unprecedented global challenges, the scientific community's ability to coordinate the rapid development of safe and effective vaccines is a testament to sustained federal investments in basic biological and biomedical research. Science and technology will continue to have an equally important role to play in revitalizing the U.S. and global economy.

Earlier this year, President Biden issued a memo challenging you to consider how science and technology could be harnessed to address five key scientific questions. FASEB extends its support and resources to respond to these questions and is eager to collaborate with OSTP to develop policies to advance scientific and research excellence.

Sincerely,

Louis B. Justement, PhD
FASEB President