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Dear Dr. Droegemeier:

On behalf of the Materials Research Society, I would like to congratulate you on your nomination to serve as the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). As you are aware, the office has been vacant for over 600 days, and we at MRS are pleased that a scientist of your experience and impressive research background has been slated to serve in this post.

Based in Warrendale, Pennsylvania, MRS is a scientific society of almost 14,000 researchers from academia, industry and government, and is a recognized leader in the advancement of interdisciplinary materials research. MRS members come from over 90 countries worldwide, and are at the forefront of research and teaching in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and engineering.

Historically, MRS has enjoyed a strong working relationship with the OSTP, as our Society and members have great interest in the many responsibilities held by this office – responsibilities that include the resilience and sustainability of our electrical grid, supporting research in the areas of optics, ceramics, chemistry and metallurgy, the safety of medical care for our citizens, and setting national priorities in emerging areas such as cybersecurity research and quantum information science.

MRS works at the forefront of new technologies, from fundamental scientific research to product development, and represents a crucial segment of our national scientific enterprise. We look forward to working with you and your office in the future.

Again, congratulations, and if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to follow up with Damon Dozier, our Director of Government Affairs, who is based in Washington, DC. He can be reached at 202-721-0077 or dozier@mrs.org.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Hearne", written in a cursive style.

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