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The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Subject: Request for Information on the American Research Environment
Federal Register/ Vol. 84, No. 228/ Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Dear Dr. Droegemeier, Ms. Kontos, and Mr. Bonyun:

The Council on Governmental Relations, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Association of American Universities, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities—four of the leading organizations representing research institutions—are enthusiastic about responding to your “Request for Information on the American Research Environment” (Federal Register/ Vol. 84, No. 228/ Tuesday, November 26, 2019). This important initiative, being led by the NSTC’s Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE), has the potential to make a significant contribution to the quality and effectiveness of the research environment. We appreciate the opportunity to be valued partners with OSTP on this initiative.

As we collaborate with our memberships to develop responses, we respectfully request a 30-day extension to the December 23 response deadline. We expect to have robust engagement with our members on the topics addressed in the Federal Register Notice, though it will be challenging to meet the December 23 deadline in light of the close alignment with the holiday season. A 30-day extension will be beneficial for all stakeholders and should result in the most thorough and thoughtful responses to the RFI.

Thank you for your leadership on advancing these issues, which are of the highest priority for the research community. We look forward to working with OSTP on this important project.

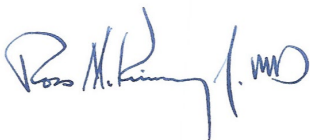
Sincerely,



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