



October 11, 2022

Dr. Arati Prabhakar
Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20504

Dear Dr. Prabhakar:

On behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), we congratulate you on your confirmation as Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and welcome the opportunity to work with you and your staff.

We at AACN have a vested interest in supporting the work of OSTP. With more than 850 nursing schools as members, AACN represents over 52,000 faculty engaged in preparing more than 565,000 baccalaureate and graduate nursing students for the workforce. AACN and the nursing profession are committed to rigorous scientific inquiry to advance nursing practice, shape health policy, and positively impact healthcare outcomes. Given the critical role that nurses play in developing new science and providing evidence-based care, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues at OSTP to ensure that nurses are engaged in the national dialogue on improving the health of our nation, which includes improving care for rural and underserved communities.

Toward this effort, we can connect you with nursing leaders, researchers, and policy experts who can offer critical insights as you take the helm of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. We welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss how we can aid in your efforts. If we can be of any assistance, please contact AACN by reaching out to Dr. Colleen Leners, Director of Policy at cленers@aacnnursing.org, or Rachel Stevenson, Director of Government Affairs at rstevenson@aacnursing.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah E. Trautman".

Deborah E. Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN
President and Chief Executive Officer

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