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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
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Dear Congresswoman Lofgren,

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I offer our endorsement for the Science Laureate of the United States Act, and thank you for your leadership in promoting public awareness and interest in the sciences.

The ACS supports the Science Laureate legislation calling on the National Academy of Sciences to annually appoint a spokesperson for the science disciplines. This spokesperson will help encourage the best and brightest to pursue scientific careers and promote the benefits of scientific research and education for our country.

As the world's largest scientific society, with a national charter from Congress, we take our role in helping facilitate public awareness and understanding of the value of science very seriously. Through our many programs and services, ACS works to equip its members to be effective advocates and communicators in demonstrating the value of chemistry to the public.

We believe this legislation will enhance the efforts of the broader scientific community by bringing greater awareness to the general public of the critical work that scientists do for our country. Increasing the understanding of the role science plays in the global economy is critical to boosting investment in research and education and ultimately to enhance domestic job creation and economic growth.

We applaud your efforts and look forward to working with you further. If we can be of assistance please contact Lauren Posey, l_posey@acs.org in the Office of External Affairs and Communications.

Sincerely,



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