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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chair
House Science, Space, and Technology
Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I am pleased to endorse H.R. 3593, The DOE Science for the Future Act. We applaud the bipartisan, collaborative, and transparent stakeholder process the committee used to craft this legislation.

H.R. 3593 creates a long-term vision of the Office of Science to robustly meet the challenges of the 21st century. Sustained, predictable funding is key to scientists and engineers making long-term research plans. ACS is pleased to see the DOE Science for the Future Act would authorize sustained seven percent increases for research. Equally important, the Act provides the resources to ensure construction and facility upgrades are completed in a timely manner. Together, these are the long-term plans necessary to maintain the preeminence of the Office of Science.

ACS greatly appreciates the inclusion of sustainable chemistry in H.R. 3593, as well. Fully accounting for the lifecycle impact of newly developed chemistry is vital to avoid creating future challenges while solving today's problems. ACS also values the authorization of a helium conservation program, another far-seeing provision to help conserve an irreplaceable resource. Both provisions will improve the sustainability of chemical research at DOE and throughout society and ACS looks forward to assisting as they are implemented.

ACS enthusiastically supports the efforts to broaden participation of teachers and scientists. We welcome the integrated approach that the committee has taken on improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in STEM fields. Increasing the participation of underrepresented groups in STEM fields is vital to maintain the United States' leadership role in innovation. Integrating DOE activities in this area with other research agencies will improve the reach and effectiveness of these efforts.

Again, we thank you and applaud the hard work of the committee on this legislation and look forward to working with the broader research community to ensure America retains its scientific leadership. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Lauren Posey (L_posey@acs.org).

Sincerely,

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