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Dear Colleague,

We have been busy this Spring! In the past several weeks, we moved five bipartisan bills out of Committee and passed two bills on the House floor. Several more pieces of legislation may see floor action soon. At the same time, the Committee's hearing schedule and oversight agenda remains full. While I know that we all take our responsibilities to the Committee seriously, a light-hearted opportunity came to my attention recently.

I was able to add your name to a microchip that will be placed on-board the Parker Solar Probe, a "mission to touch the Sun", that will launch this summer. This probe is the first of its kind and will provide the closest observations of the Sun that humankind has ever achieved. You can read more about the mission at http://parkersolarprobe.jhuapl.edu/index.php. Enclosed is a certificate memorializing the inclusion of your name on the Probe's microchip.

Who knows—maybe your name will be etched on the sun!

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith Chairman