The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  

Dear Majority Leader McConnell,

On behalf of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR), which represents more than 3,400 individual and 107 institutional members working throughout dental, oral and craniofacial research, I am writing to urge the Senate to confirm Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier as the Director for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) before this Congress adjourns.

AADR believes that Dr. Droegemeier – a well-qualified scientist with broad and bipartisan support – would be an excellent OSTP Director.

The OSTP Director plays a key role, serving as an advisor to the president and administration and coordinating interagency science and policy efforts. Critical for this position, Dr. Droegemeier would bring exceptional scientific credentials and experience to the post. Among his qualifications, he has served as the Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary of Science and Technology, as the Vice President for Research and Regents’ Professor of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, and as the vice-chair of the governing board of the U.S. National Science Foundation. Dr. Droegemeier’s expertise, along with his experience advising policymakers and communicating science to a broad audience, would serve him well in a role as the nation’s top scientific advisor.

We urge the Senate to move expeditiously to confirm Dr. Droegemeier for this position, which has remained unfilled for almost 700 days.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at cfox@iadr.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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