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To the March for Science Organizers:

As President of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), I am writing to request that our organization be added as a partner for the March for Science on April 22.

Our union represents tens of thousands of scientists who work as postdoctoral researchers, graduate research assistants and adjunct faculty at many of our most prominent universities – University of Washington, University of California, New York University, Columbia University, University of Connecticut and University of Massachusetts. Most of their work relies on federal funding for projects aimed at curing major diseases, addressing climate change, developing new technologies and carrying out many other innovative projects aimed at enhancing our quality of life and the common good.

The Trump administration attacks on science and federal investment in scientific research threaten the common good, as well as our members' lifelong work and livelihood. As an international union, with 1.1 million active and retired members in the US, Puerto Rico and Canada, we stand in defense of science and the spirit and principles behind the April 22 march.

As a union, we have long advocated in Washington and elsewhere for the continued investment in basic science at our universities. The UAW has a long history as an advocate for human and social rights. We look forward to joining the March for Science as part of this longer tradition in our union.

Please let us know if you need anything else from us in order to be partner in this important effort.

In solidarity,

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Dennis Williams // International Union, UAW President

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