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Dear APS Member,

The American Physical Society (APS) remains committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive workforce for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and reaffirms its belief that opportunity for everyone, and broad participation – regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or national origin – will help ensure that our discipline as well as our society thrives. It is particularly appropriate to reaffirm this commitment as we engage in new national discussions on broad immigration policy, as well as specific issues such as Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals. APS is committed to working with its Members, the Administration, and Congress to help ensure a strong STEM workforce that welcomes international participation. The decisions that we will make as a nation are crucial for educating and training students, and our concern extends to providing important continuity for their academic programs. We note that many significant STEM accomplishments in the U.S. have been made by first-generation Americans. Policies that limit the ability of the U.S. to attract international scientific talent or diminish the diversity of the STEM workforce will jeopardize U.S. leadership in science and innovation.

Yours sincerely,

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