



November 19, 2019

The Hon. Paul Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tonko:

On behalf of the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) I would like to thank you for your leadership in introducing HR 1709, **The Scientific Integrity Act**.

NTEU represents thousands of federal scientists, researchers, chemists, and other highly skilled professionals. These dedicated public servants work at the Environmental Protection Agency, Food & Drug Administration, Department of Energy, USDA Food & Nutrition Service, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration and other agencies where they do an outstanding job at providing their agencies with solid, factual, well-researched information to help in their mission. Outside, political interference in their fact-based work threatens to harm the health and well-being of the American people as well as the environment we all live in.

While NTEU is a strong voice for the pay, benefits and working conditions of our membership, we also have a long history of fighting to protect the integrity of the crafts our members practice. Federal scientists are highly trained experts in their fields and their work should not be subject to politically-based alterations. Your legislation will help prevent this harmful practice.

Again, thank you for your leadership and please know NTEU is ready to assist you in the enactment of this important legislation. If you or your staff have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact Kurt Vorndran in our Department of Legislation at kurt.vorndran@nteu.org or 202.572.5560.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Anthony M. Reardon
National President