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The Honorable John P. Holdren
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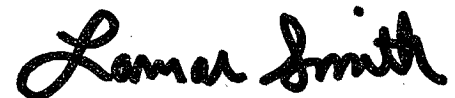
Dear Dr. Holdren:

The Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a hearing on June 4th entitled *STEM Education: The Administration's Proposed Reorganization* where you testified as a witness. During the course of your testimony you said the Administration was "working out in detail how this reorganization would be implemented if in fact it is approved by Congress" and "We are still in fiscal year 2013, and we don't have the reorganization plan in place except in the President's proposed budget."

Since that hearing, we have heard from several stakeholders that federal agencies have already begun sending notices of program terminations and curtailing certain STEM education activities slated for consolidation in the current fiscal year even though the Administration's proposal is for fiscal year 2014.

I ask that you re-affirm the Administration's commitment to this Committee that no program terminations, budgetary transfer of funds, nor contract actions will be taken to implement the Administration's STEM education reorganization in fiscal year 2013 until after Congress has had an opportunity to decide on the Administration's proposal for fiscal year 2014.

Sincerely,



Lamar Smith
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Director, Office of Management and Budget