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Dr. Arati Prabhakar, Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
725 17th Street NW
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Dear Dr. Prabhakar,

On behalf of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS), I am writing to congratulate you on your new position as the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). I will also take this opportunity to thank you for inspiring and energizing presentation at AAAS on October 21. It was a real pleasure to speak with you in person. As I mentioned, I was particularly grateful for your explicit mention of the importance of the behavioral sciences.

FABBS represents 28 scientific societies and nearly 60 university departments whose scientific members and faculty share a commitment to advancing knowledge in the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. As you noted, understanding the human element of society's most pressing challenges through research in these sciences has the potential to improve the health, education, security, and employment across all populations. FABBS members, including psychological scientists, neuroscientists, and education researchers, rely on government funding to support research and research training activities that advance knowledge and ultimately serve society.

OSTP and FABBS share a vision for advancing quality of life through rigorous research. FABBS applauds OSTP's commitment to inclusion and integrity in all sectors of science and looks forward to not only continuing, but also increasing our contributions through a better understanding of the behavioral and brain sciences.

FABBS is delighted that you are serving in this role, and we look forward to your leadership and working together to serve the mission of OSTP.

Sincerely,

Juliane Baron
Executive Director