



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, & TECHNOLOGY

Opening Statement

Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)

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Good morning. I would like to welcome everyone to the Member Day Hearing for the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 116th Congress. Today's Member Day Hearing gives Members, including those NOT on the committee, the opportunity to come before us and discuss proposed legislation, or simply discuss interests and priorities under the Committee's jurisdiction.

We have four Members before us today to testify on a variety of policy areas and bills. We also had Members submit testimony for the record. Mr. Lipinski provided testimony on his bill H.R. 2202—the Growing Artificial Intelligence Through Research Act. Mr. Weber's written statement discusses his forthcoming bill—the Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act. Dr. Foster's testimony covers an assortment of topics within our legislative jurisdiction, including the importance of national laboratories, perils of human genetic engineering, the need for investment in artificial intelligence, and priorities for NASA funding. Their testimony will be entered into the record and has previously been distributed to all Committee Members.

I would like to welcome our colleagues testifying before us today. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these very important policy areas. It is my desire to have this Committee work in a bipartisan manner, because we must all work together to tackle the many challenges in our jurisdiction including science education, energy research, national competitiveness, and climate change.