

March 17, 2019

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman, House Committee on Science,
Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Science, Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas

The Endocrine Society would like to thank you for introducing the Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019. The Endocrine Society supports your effort to reduce sexual harassment in the scientific workforce.

Founded in 1916, the Endocrine Society is the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization dedicated to the understanding of hormone systems and the clinical care of patients with endocrine diseases and disorders. The Society's membership of over 18,000 includes biomedical researchers at all career stages. We are committed to reducing the prevalence of sexual harassment in the research workforce and creating a safe work environment for our members and all researchers throughout their careers.

By creating an interagency working group and directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy to issue uniform policy guidance to Federal science agencies, we expect that agencies will be better equipped to monitor and respond appropriately to instances of sexual harassment at grantee institutions. Furthermore, we are encouraged that the legislation establishes a new research program at the National Science Foundation to examine the prevalence of and factors contributing to sexual harassment in the scientific workforce.

The Endocrine Society is most appreciative of your leadership in this area, and we are pleased to endorse the Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act. We would be happy to work with you in efforts to pass your legislation, and in other efforts to support public health. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us by contacting Joseph Laakso, Director of Science Policy at jlaakso@endocrine.org.

Sincerely,



Susan Mandel, MD, MPH
President
Endocrine Society