January 8, 2026

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500
The United States of America

Dear President Trump:

The United States of America Needs the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).

On behalf of the scientific societies we represent, we write to express our strong support of NCAR and the full breadth of scientific research undertaken by the scientists of NCAR.

The benefits of NCAR to the United States and the world are enormous. Since its inception in 1960, NCAR has made ground-breaking advances in weather, water, and climate science. Working with partners within the U.S. as well as across the world, NCAR scientists have provided crucial insights on severe storms, flash floods, drought, air quality, wildfires, climate, and weather prediction, to name just a few key contributions. These discoveries improve early warnings and weather forecasts, ensure enhanced transportation safety by air, sea, and ground, and reduce the adverse impacts of hazards. Crucially, they save lives and make America safer!

Recently, the White House announced plans to dismantle NCAR. Sending various parts of NCAR to other cities will isolate expertise and reduce the synergies and enhanced productivity that results when people work together. NCAR is an incredible resource and losing it would hurt the economic health of the nation and the safety of its people. A better option would be to work to maintain and strengthen NCAR, including through enhanced cooperation with Federal science agencies, academic institutions, and private sector researchers.

Science improves lives and drives economic prosperity. Scientific innovation promotes public safety, enables new businesses, and helps us thrive in a competitive global marketplace. The US has long been a world leader in all science, including the science of environmental prediction. The nation's strong support of science over the past century is a foundation of our success.

A strong NCAR will lead to further forecast improvements that enhance our national well-being. We stand ready to work with the administration and leaders in Congress to ensure that U.S. scientific capabilities, including with respect to environmental prediction, remain second to none.

Sincerely,

American Meteorological Society
Alliance for Data Science and AI (ADSA)
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Astronomical Society
American Geophysical Union
American Geosciences Institute
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Physical Society
American Society for Microbiology
American Statistical Association
Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography
Ecological Society of America
Entomological Society of America
The Geological Society of America