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Headline: National Call-In Day to support scientific integrity

ASA, CSSA and SSSA support scientific integrity and the open communication of science with the public, which is critical to scientific credibility and the advancement of innovation. There have been a number of recent reports that federal scientists have been directed to cease all communication with outside groups. This concerning development prompted [a letter to President Trump](#) on behalf of our membership signed by all three Society Presidents and CEO, Ellen Bergfeld.

But one letter is not enough.

If you are also concerned about scientific integrity and federal scientists' rights to share their findings, please **call Congress on Thursday, February 2nd and tell them to protect the scientific integrity of federal scientists.**

[Use this link to get the office phone numbers of your two Senators and Representative.](#)

You will be provided with talking points and even a short script you can use for your calls.

When constituents call all at the same time, Congress takes notice! Unlike emails or letters that can be piled up and saved for later, calls demand attention and staff time. We hope you choose to participate in the **ASA, CSSA and SSSA National Call-In on February 2nd** to reaffirm the importance of open communication of science and scientific integrity.

When we speak together as a community, our voice cannot be ignored. On February 2nd, let's flood the Congressional phone lines with scientists who are willing to stand up for scientific integrity.

Feel free to email (sciencepolicy@sciencesocieties.org) or call (202-735-5904) the ASA, CSSA, SSSA Science Policy Office with questions.



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Support Scientific Integrity for Federal Scientists

Scientists in all fields and in all stages of their career rely on scientific information and data from federal research agencies. Let your members of Congress know that scientific integrity and open communication is an invaluable component of a strong and successful research enterprise.

If you are concerned about scientific integrity and federal scientists' rights to share their findings, please **call Congress on Thursday, February 2nd and tell them to protect the scientific integrity of federal scientists.**

Discuss the following talking points with office contact.

Point 1: Give your name and say you are a constituent, who goes to school/works at XX university/business.

Point 2: Say you are calling to discuss the importance of scientific integrity for federal scientists.

Point 3: Briefly state that the research/work you do is supported and complemented by the work of federal scientists and that when the scientific integrity of federal research falls into question, all research suffers.

Point 4: Ask the Senator/Representative to work to protect open communication and scientific integrity for federal scientists.

Point 5: Leave your contact information if the office would like to discuss the issue further.

Here's an example of something you might say:

"Hello my name is Jane Smith and a constituent doing my graduate work at Kansas State University. I'm calling to let Senator Moran know about the importance of scientific integrity for federal scientists. As a graduate student working in wheat breeding, I rely on the scientific integrity of federal scientists. Their research complements and supports the work I do. When the scientific integrity of federal research falls into question, all scientific research and innovation suffers. I'm asking the Senator to please work protect the independence of federal scientists, their right to communicate their findings, and the scientific integrity of their work. It affects us all. I can give you my contact information if the Senator or his appropriate staffer would like to discuss this issue further."

