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Dr. Chris Fall, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Ave, SW
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Dear Dr. Fall:

On behalf of the Materials Research Society (MRS), I congratulate you for confirmation by the US Senate to lead the Office of Science within the Department of Energy. We at MRS are pleased that a scientist with your diverse experience, including service at the Office of Naval Research and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, will serve in this post.

Based in Warrendale, Pennsylvania, MRS is a scientific society of over 14,000 researchers from academia, industry and government, and is a recognized leader in the advancement of interdisciplinary materials research. MRS members come from over 90 countries worldwide and are at the forefront of research and teaching in the fields of materials science, physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and engineering.

Historically, MRS has enjoyed a strong working relationship with you, as our Society and members have met with you directly on a number of occasions, most recently when you were Acting Director of the ARPA-E program. We also have great interest in the Office of Science and its activities, as MRS members work at the cutting edges of fundamental scientific research and technological applications. We also represent a crucial segment of our national scientific enterprise.

We look forward to working with you and your office in the future. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to follow up with Damon Dozier, our Director of Government Affairs, who is based in Washington, DC. He can be reached at 202-763-3814 or dozier@mrs.org.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Fitzsimmons", written in a cursive style.

Mike Fitzsimmons
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