Dear Colleagues,

Since 1947, the United States Air Force has been providing air and space superiority for our Nation. We do that by employing the most advanced science and technology available. However, the technological advantages we've held over our potential adversaries are quickly diminishing. We must take bold action to reverse this trend and posture our Air Force to defend our Nation and its interests now and in the future.

In September 2017, I directed a 12-month Science and Technology Review to update our research priorities and strategy to 2030. The United States Air Force has a proud heritage of collaborating with leading scientists, engineers, and industry leaders to identify and develop the barrier-breaking technologies that make us the most lethal air force in history. We need your help once again.

Over the next seven months, the Air Force will conduct a number of engagements with universities, industry, and government research facilities. We will listen broadly for promising research directions. Your participation is vital to helping us discover and develop the next-generation capabilities that will ultimately ensure our national security for years to come.

Please feel free to extend my invitation to your colleagues in the field of science and technology. We look forward to your ideas and are sincerely grateful for your help in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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