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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chair
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Johnson,

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I am writing to endorse H.R. 36 the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019. ACS represents 150,000 chemists and chemical engineers and chartered by Congress to provide advice on a broad range of policy and scientific issues.

We believe this legislation is an important step to ensuring a science workplace free of harassment. It is the policy of the ACS to ensure a work environment free of harassment of any kind on the basis of any characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law. As an organization, ACS strictly prohibits harassment and other forms of prohibited discrimination, and believes this should extend to all aspects of the scientific endeavor.

We applaud you for your hard work on this issue, and look forward to working closely with Congress to pass this important legislation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Posey at l_posey@acs.org with any questions.

Sincerely,



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