

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

**Do You Want Sound Science Used in Agency
Rulemaking?
Then Co-Sponsor H.R. 5952!**

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Dear Colleague:

On March 9, 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential memorandum directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to require federal departments and agencies to develop procedures “for restoring scientific integrity to government decision making.” To date, this worthwhile and sensible project has not been completed.

Earlier this week, we introduced the *Sound Science in Agency Rulemaking and Risk Assessments Act* (H.R. 5952). This legislation seeks to build on the President’s initiative by codifying the requirement that the Director of OSTP require each agency to develop guidelines to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information used by federal agencies. H.R. 5952 requires appropriate peer review, the disclosure of scientific studies used in making decisions, and an opportunity for stakeholder input. It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method. Further, it deems agency actions that do not follow such procedures to be arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this vital legislation or have any questions please contact Elaine Wilson (elaine.wilson@mail.house.gov /x5-5676) with Rep. Manzullo or Jack Huerter (jack.huerter@mail.house.gov /x5-2731) with Rep. McIntyre.

Sincerely,



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