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Kerry endorsement letter from Nobel Prize-winning scientists

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An Open Letter to the American People

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Presidential elections present us with choices about our nation's future. We support John Kerry for President and urge you to join us.

The prosperity, health, environment, and security of Americans depend on Presidential leadership to sustain our vibrant science and technology; to encourage education at home and attract talented scientists and engineers from abroad; and to nurture a business environment that transforms new knowledge into new opportunities for creating quality jobs and reaching shared goals.

President Bush and his administration are compromising our future on each of these counts. By reducing funding for scientific research, they are undermining the foundation of America's future. By setting unwarranted restrictions on stem cell research, they are impeding medical advances. By employing inappropriate immigration practices, they are turning critical scientific talent away from our shores. And by ignoring scientific consensus on critical issues such as global warming, they are threatening the earth's future. Unlike previous administrations, Republican and Democratic alike, the Bush administration has ignored unbiased scientific advice in the policy-making that is so important to our collective welfare.

John Kerry will change all this. He will support strong investments in science and technology as he restores fiscal responsibility. He will stimulate the development and deployment of technologies to meet our economic, energy, environmental, health, and security needs. He will recreate an America that provides opportunity to all at home or abroad who can help us make progress together.

John Kerry will restore science to its appropriate place in government and bring it back into the White House. He is the clear choice for America's next President.

Signed,

Peter Agre Chemistry 2003

David H. Hubel Medicine 1981

Sidney Altman Chemistry 1989

Louis Ignarro Medicine 1998

Philip W. Anderson Physics 1977
Eric R. Kandel Medicine 2000
David Baltimore Medicine 1975
Walter Kohn Chemistry 1998
Baruj Benacerraf Medicine 1980
Arthur Kornberg Medicine 1959
Paul Berg Chemistry 1980
Leon M. Lederman Physics 1988
Hans A. Bethe Physics 1967
Tsung-Dao Lee Physics 1957
Michael Bishop Medicine 1989
David M. Lee Physics 1996
Günter Blobel Medicine 1999
William N. Lipscomb Chemistry 1976
N. Bloembergen Physics 1981
Roderick MacKinnon Chemistry 2003
James W. Cronin Physics 1980
Mario J. Molina Chemistry 1995
Johann Deisenhofer Chemistry 1988
Joseph E. Murray Medicine 1990
John B. Fenn Chemistry 2002
Douglas D. Osheroff Physics 1996
Val Fitch Physics 1980
George Palade Medicine 1974
Jerome I. Friedman Physics 1990
Arno Penzias Physics 1978
Walter Gilbert Chemistry 1980

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Norman F. Ramsey Physics 1989

Donald A. Glaser Physics 1960

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Sheldon L. Glashow Physics 1979

Joseph H. Taylor Jr. Physics 1993

Joseph Goldstein Medicine 1985

E. Donnall Thomas Medicine 1990

Roger Guillemin Medicine 1977

Charles H. Townes Physics 1964

Dudley Herschbach Chemistry 1986

Harold Varmus Medicine 1989

Roald Hoffmann Chemistry 1981

Eric Wieschaus Medicine 1995

H. Robert Horvitz Medicine 2002

Robert W. Wilson Physics 1978

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