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TO: Dr. Tom Augspurger, President, Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, North America

RE: Framework for a Federal Strategic Plan for Soil Science

On December 5, the White House Office for Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released a Framework for a Federal Strategic Plan for Soil Science to identify needs, gaps, and opportunities in soil science. This represents a tremendous opportunity for the organizations and networks on aspects of soils and soil biodiversity (see attached list) to coordinate and improve our collaboration and advance research in soils. The OSTP Framework document is open to public comment until January 10. We encourage you, and all the members of your society, to read and offer your insights on the document. We have attached instructions for making comments and the Framework document itself. These items are also accessible on-line: Framework document, instructions for comments.

Thank you and best wishes,

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