

Dear Editor,

I urge readers to join us in the March for Science on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at [local place and time]. This march, organized and endorsed by over [current count] scientific organizations, advocates for the protection of science against recent threats by the Trump Administration to restrict travel, funding, and access to healthcare (www.marchforscience.com).

The mischaracterization of science as a partisan issue has given policymakers permission to reject overwhelming scientific evidence. Furthermore, any effort to replace the Affordable Care Act must guarantee expanded access to high-quality, patient-centered affordable care for all regardless of pre-existing conditions and protect mental health parity. To do otherwise would be a critical mistake that may irrevocably harm the character, health, and future of our country.

Now is time for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies to take a public stand and be counted. Therefore, I am proud to participate in the March for Science as a member of the American Psychosomatic Society (APS).

The APS is an international organization of approximately 800 scientist-members dedicated to advancing and integrating the scientific study of biological, psychological, behavioral and social factors in health and disease. We believe it is imperative that we continue to celebrate and defend science at all levels - from local schools to government agencies worldwide. Indeed, our diversity is our greatest strength: a wealth of opinions, perspectives, and free-flowing ideas that are critical to advance science and promote human health. Therefore we oppose the Administration's proposed travel ban because it harms the flow of information between scientists around the world and prevents students from obtaining advanced science and medical education in the U.S.

We *all* need good science. Democracy needs science. Healthcare is a basic human right. Show your support. Join me and other concerned scientists for the March for Science on April 22 <https://www.marchforscience.com/satellite-marches/>.

Sincerely,

[APS member name
Location]