



MARCH FOR SCIENCE

SPRINGFIELD



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Dear (legislator's name)

March 20, 2017

I am writing to you on behalf of the organizers and attendees of the Springfield March for Science, which will be held in downtown Springfield on April 22. The reason I am writing is to inform you of the march and to invite you to join us and your constituents on that day.

We are a part of a much larger movement which began in Washington DC and has spread across the world. Springfield will be one of more than 400 marches occurring around the globe on the same day. It is a truly perfect way to celebrate Earth Day.

The purpose of the March is to remind the citizens and leadership of Missouri how important science is for our public health and for understanding the natural world. Our mission is:

The March For Science champions publicly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence based policies in the public interest.

We scientists, environmentalists and science enthusiasts are increasingly concerned about the direction of our country's politics. Specifically, we are alarmed at the increasing cynicism of citizens toward uncontroversial scientific findings, such as the value of immunizations or the rapidly warming temperature of our planet earth.

The great discoveries, inventions, industries and engineering feats which have benefitted and come out of Missouri could not exist without a firm grasp on reality as revealed through the scientific method. Consider, for example, St. Louis' Arch, taming the mighty Mississippi, sustainable farming practices, the entirety of George Washington Carver's work, and yes, even sliced bread. Science and empiricism are essential to pursuing a better life for every Missourian and that pursuit is enabled by the design and execution of successful public policy. In this era, science matters more than ever.

The health of our country depends on leaders that know the facts, and I hope you agree. If you agree that science is important, I'd like you to join us at this March, publicly support the mission and invite your constituents to as well.

I send this to you now in hopes that you can join us to March For Science in Springfield beginning at 10:30am. We will hold a rally in Park Central Square which will include many well-known community voices of scientists and environmentalists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wells".

Eric Wells
Head Organizer
Springfield March For Science

Science is simply the truth about anything.
- George Washington Carver