



# MARCH FOR SCIENCE

## SPRINGFIELD



*United 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.*

April 5, 2017

Dear Neighbors,

You may have heard about the upcoming March For Science in downtown Springfield on April 22. And we certainly hope that you have. It unites people across America, and the world, with the purpose of delivering a very loud and clear message: We oppose the current legislative trend toward a disregard for science.

No matter anyone's political party affiliation, most Americans oppose government measures that limit transparency and the ability of publicly funded researchers to share their work. Most Americans—73% actually—are at least somewhat concerned about the climate crisis. And most Americans oppose cuts to scientific research on the environment and climate change, as well as biomedical research. The application of science to policy is not a partisan issue. Anti-science agendas and policies have been advanced by politicians on both sides of the aisle, and they harm everyone — without exception. Science should neither serve special interests nor be rejected based on personal convictions. At its core, science is a tool for seeking answers. It can and should influence policy and guide our long-term decision making.

We invite you to join us on Earth Day to show in numbers that we support science as the basis for policy-making. Likely, you agree. And if you feel so inclined, we would like to extend to you an invitation to have a table at our rally in Park Central Square following the march. We have invited local organizations, as well as our local and state legislators. As of today, the Green Party, the Sierra Club and NatureCITE have all requested tables. Because we share the common interest of trying to influence public policy in a way that best serves the community we love, and the planet we wish to preserve, please consider uniting with us in that purpose.

Read the attached press release, peruse our website, or scroll through our Facebook page. Any questions you have about our mission, our grievances, or our tone are readily available. Questions or concerns can also be directed to the email address below.

Sincerely,

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

**Eric Wells**  
Lead Organizer  
Springfield March For Science