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Dear (State Licensing Board Name),

As (TITLE), I write to you on behalf of (ORGANIZATION YOU REPRESENT) to encourage your consideration of licensure changes that support the implementation of the proposed (YOUR STATE) Science Standards. We believe these standards continue to support the investment in high-quality science and engineering education for all (YOUR STATE) students.

(YOUR ORGANIZATION) YOUR STATE STATS HERE → has over five hundred members who teach science in (YOUR STATE) schools, informal education settings, and colleges. Most of the members of the Science Standards Review Committee are members of (YOUR ORGANIZATION) and we conducted fifteen meetings for our members to review the preliminary drafts of the standards and gave feedback. Our members strongly support these standards, and are excited about the opportunities they bring for our students. (YOUR ORGANIZATION) has a commitment to current and upcoming science educators to support them in their continual professional development, as well as advocate for fair and equitable licensing solutions that maintain the high quality of teachers (YOUR STATE) is known for.

Our organization is committed to the progression and continued training of highly-qualified science educators, with a specific focus on professional development, continuing education and resources for all teachers of science. (YOUR ORGANIZATION) is currently in discussions with numerous groups regarding specific programming that addresses content and pedagogy training around the new standards at all levels, and especially in the case of 6th grade and high school earth and space sciences. We are encouraged by the number and quality of proposed professional development opportunities being created for (YOUR STATE) science teachers in content areas as well as pedagogy that are based in three-dimensional teaching and learning! We strongly believe that reasonable, prudent short and long term licensure solutions that support the new standards in terms of content and pedagogy will benefit and support not only current teachers, but pre-service teachers as well. Of course, we are willing and able to partner with you in finding solutions for particular licensure situations that cannot be easily addressed.

These reforms in science teaching and learning represent a historic opportunity to help all our children learn the science they need to succeed in a STEM-based economy, and for (YOUR STATE) to continue leading the nation in science education. We strongly encourage you to design and implement practical and thoughtful short and long term licensure changes that continue to sustain highly qualified teachers in both content and level appropriate pedagogy that support the implementation of the proposed (YOUR STATE) K-12 Science Standards.

A (YOUR ORGANIZATION) representative is willing and available to speak with you regarding (YOUR STATE) science education as well as on the adoption of the proposed (YOUR STATE) K-12 Science Standards.

Sincerely,  
YOUR NAME  
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