The Scientific Integrity Act

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Why Scientific Integrity?

- Independent public scientific research helps us make sound, evidence-based policy decisions.
- There has been inappropriate political interference in the scientific process.
- This is a nonpartisan issue.
The Need for Scientific Integrity

- Public science is held to the highest ethical and professional standards.
- Currently, 24 federal agencies have varying scientific integrity policies.
- These policies need to be strengthened and codified by Congress.
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- U.S. federal agencies must adopt or strengthen watchdog policies to secure scientific independence.

- Insulates government-directed research from the influence of political pressure and special interests.

- Scientific and technological information would be shared while ensuring privacy, confidentiality and national security.
Strong Congressional Support

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Real Headlines

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- “THE TRANSPARENCY BILLS THAT WOULD GUT THE EPA” -THE ATLANTIC

- “THE HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR IS HARASSING US CLIMATE SCIENTISTS” -THE GUARDIAN
“The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it”

Neil deGrasse Tyson
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