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Reply to Attn of:

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KAGS
Dear Ms. Green:

Thank you very much for the recent letter from the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee (ASAC). I appreciate the findings and recommendations from the committee from your meetings this year. I am also pleased we had a chance to speak at the recent Earth Science Subcommittee meeting.

The Earth Science Division leadership is reviewing the letter and the numerous findings and recommendations. We found the Committee's report to be extremely thoughtful and insightful on many fronts.

I am tasking division personnel to pursue specific elements of the letter report. For example, I have tasked representatives from the Applied Sciences and Flight/Data Systems programs to examine the recommendations related to data issues. As ASAC requested, we will report our progress on this topic at your next meeting.

Your letter rightly identified the upcoming Earth Science Decadal Survey as a key focal point for the upcoming years. We have been working with the National Research Council's Space Studies Board on the statement of task. We will account for the points raised in your letter in our refinements to the statement of task. To help achieve the ASAC recommendation on this topic, we strongly encourage the ASAC members to inform their respective communities and colleagues about the upcoming Decadal Survey and to help develop the workshops and events suggested in the letter. The ASAC's actions to those ends can enhance the input to the Decadal Survey committees and the quality of their final product.

Thank you again for your letter and your advice and recommendations. We appreciate the service of the ASAC, and, like the ASAC, we are excited about the opportunities to showcase Earth science to serve society and address global challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Freilich".

Michael H. Freilich
Director