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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chair, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Senator Harkin:

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA), I would like to express our support for the nomination of Dr. Subra Suresh for the position of Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The United States’ global leadership in science and technology is being relentlessly challenged from all corners of the world. The NSF has an important role in promoting science and engineering through its research and education programs. We believe that Dr. Suresh has the experience and perspective to effectively apply the resources of the NSF to preserve and strengthen America’s economic competitiveness, national security and quality of life in the 21st century.

Dr. Suresh has an extensive record of dedicated public service and leadership in the advancement of engineering and science eminently qualify him for the task of leading the NSF. Based on his strong qualifications and experience, I urge you to support his nomination.

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Sincerely,

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