## U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Questions for the Record Submitted to Dr. Christopher Fall 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

## **Question from Ranking Member Joe Manchin III**

**Question:** The Office of Science is the largest federal supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States. If confirmed to direct the Office, you will be responsible for upholding the highest standards of scientific research. Will you commit to ensuring a culture of scientific integrity in all of the Department's scientific research programs, consistent with the Department's scientific integrity policy and accompanying order?

**<u>Answer</u>**: Yes, if confirmed, I commit to ensuring a culture of scientific integrity in all of the Department's scientific research programs, consistent with the Department's scientific integrity policy and accompanying order.

## **Question from Senator Mazie K. Hirono**

**Question:** Investing in climate science activities, including data collection and computer modeling of Earth systems, is a critical part of maintaining and enhancing the United States' role in international affairs as well as planning for national defense, economic growth, and many other activities. Will you commit to obligating funding for the Office of Science Biological and Environmental Research Earth and climate observation and analysis programs as appropriated and in a timely manner?

<u>Answer</u>: If confirmed, I commit to implementing funds for the Office of Science as appropriated by Congress and in a timely manner, which includes all Office of Science's Biological and Environmental Research programs.