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with

**Chairman Lamar Smith and
Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson**

of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on
Science, Space, and Technology

cordially invite you to attend

The State of the Universe

A lunch briefing on new discoveries and the
importance of diversity in the astronomical sciences

12:00 – 1:00 PM on February 5, 2015
2325 Rayburn House Office Building

Featuring:

C. Megan Urry

*President, AAS
Professor, Yale University*

Jessica Kirkpatrick

*Director of Data Science,
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Makenzie Lystrup

*Acting Director of Business
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Dara Norman

*Research Astronomer, National
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For the second consecutive year, the AAS in partnership with the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, bring you The State of the Universe, a briefing on the astronomical sciences. Our speakers will highlight exciting new discoveries and provide first-hand perspectives on the power of astronomy as a gateway science and the importance of bringing a broad and diverse set of viewpoints to bear on exciting scientific challenges. Through inspirational imagery and elegant descriptions of our universe, the astronomical sciences draw millions of students to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, preparing them for a wide range of careers in many sectors of the economy that support our nation's prosperity.

Lunch will be served at this widely attended public event.