



John L. Anderson
President

Together, we can...

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Dear Colleague,

I hope this letter finds you, your family, and your loved ones well.

The past year was one of the most challenging in recent memory for many reasons; nevertheless, your support ensured that the work of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) did not slow down. Significant progress has been made in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, but there is still more work to be done. In parallel, the pandemic has exacerbated existing issues and brought others to the forefront. Engineers have a vital role to play in addressing these and other unforeseen challenges, and your support is critical to ensuring we can address these issues through action. **Together**, engineering, science, and medicine offer essential tools not only for overcoming the pandemic but also for building a more robust, more inclusive recovery that benefits everyone. Your support enables our work to continue when it is needed most. Please join me in making a gift today.

Support provided by you, our members, friends, and staff was instrumental in launching several NAE activities around COVID-19. Last year the intergenerational program, COVID-19 Call for Engineering Action, sought innovative solutions to the myriad of pandemic-related problems. This year, in coordination with the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the UK Royal Academy of Engineering, a new webinar series is highlighting the under-recognized contributions of engineers among the general public—even among some scientists and engineers—to make significant advances related to addressing the pandemic. *Engineering's Role in Catalyzing COVID-19 Response, Recovery, and Resilience* is bringing new understanding of engineering's role in meeting societal needs in times of adversity.

Your support has also been critical in sustaining the NAE's ongoing efforts to excite girls and young women about starting a career in the field through *EngineerGirl* and convening up-and-coming engineering leaders to facilitate collaboration through the Frontiers of Engineering (FOE) program. To address the many complex challenges facing our nation, we simply cannot afford to underutilize available talent in our population. We must cultivate a STEM workforce that reflects the makeup of our society to make real progress and achieve innovations and breakthroughs that will strengthen the nation. This year marks *EngineerGirl's* 20th anniversary while FOE continues into its 27th year. The longevity of these flagship programs is a testament to the generosity and dedication of the NAE community.

I am grateful for the time and resources that you and other members and friends contributed during one of the most difficult times for our nation and world. You play a vital role in ensuring

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the NAE and the National Academies remain dynamic and proactive. ***Together***, we can eliminate the pandemic and respond to its wide-reaching effects. ***Together***, we can make a difference through the promotion of evidence-based advice based on facts and without agenda. ***Together***, we can build a more resilient future for the U.S. and the world. **Join me today in supporting the NAE by making a gift.**

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John", written in a cursive style.

John L. Anderson