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Opening Statement of Chairman Alan B. Mollohan

***The Place of NASA and the National Science
Foundation in the Overall Science Enterprise***

Good afternoon Dr. Fisk and Dr. Rankin. This morning we received an overview of science in the US; this afternoon we will examine the role of two research agencies under our jurisdiction – NASA and NSF.

Following the issuance of the report *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* there has been a bipartisan effort to double the fiscal year 2006 funding of NSF along with NIST and the Department of Energy Office of Science over 10 years. The stimulus funding provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 increased FY 2009 funding for NSF by roughly 50% while providing a roughly 8% boost to NASA Science. Looking forward, it is important for this subcommittee to understand the relative roles and status of the different research agencies. We look forward to learning more from Dr. Fisk about NASA and from Dr. Rankin about NSF.