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Reply to Attn of: Science Mission Directorate (SMD)/Planetary Science Division (PSD)

Dr. William McKinnon and Dr. Christopher House
Chairs, Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Sciences
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Dear Dr. McKinnon and Dr. House,

I am writing to thank you and the Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Sciences (CAPS) for your recent report *Options for the Fifth New Frontiers Announcement of Opportunity*. I am greatly appreciative of the careful attention and effort you and your committee exercised as you considered this important topic. NASA places significant weight on the opinion of the Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Sciences, and the report will be a significant factor in our deliberations on the Announcement of Opportunity. I am sure the science community is equally appreciative of the opportunity granted them to provide you information for your discussions as well as the committee's effort to produce this report.

I look forward to continuing our work with you as NASA expands our exploration of the solar system.

Sincerely,

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