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1. Should we wait to get consent of a large number of scientists and send a single letter jointly? Or should we send the first batch of letters from GMU faculty (BTW, Andrew Light said he will be willing to join) and then contact scientists in other institutions and attach our letter as an example?
2. The letter as you have drafted is cc'd to our Representatives and Senators. I was thinking that we should also send a shorter letter directly addressed to individual Senators and Congressmen attaching our letter to the President and AG. What do you think?

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