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Dear Friends,

Due to the rapidly evolving national crisis caused by the spread of COVID-19, we are all in the midst of a very challenging time, especially those of you working in government at the federal, state and local levels. Please know that you have our unwavering support. Like everyone else, the Academy has been closely tracking COVID-19 developments and guidance from public health officials in order to make every effort to safeguard the health and well-being of our staff members, our Fellows and our partners.

As a result, the Academy has decided to implement several changes to its operations for the time being. For the health and safety of all, our full-time staff will telework and all of our meetings will move to virtual platforms, effective Monday, March 16. However, all of our study projects will continue, as will most of our group meetings. All meetings of our study panels and standing panels will be conducted through Zoom, and meeting notifications have been updated to insure that a Zoom connection is included in the invitation. Any forums or working groups will also meet via Zoom. For questions on how to connect through Zoom, a helpful video tutorial that will walk you through the process can be found [here](#).

While you should not plan to visit our Washington, D.C. office in person at this time, you can reach all Academy staff during business hours via their e-mail addresses, which can be found [here](#). These operational changes will be in place through March 29, 2020, and possibly longer. We appreciate your understanding, and we will keep you posted as the situation evolves.

Again, we know that many of you are on the front lines of response in the current situation, and many more of you are ensuring that essential government functions continue at a time of unprecedented disruption. Many of you are educators, working hard to make sure that our schools and universities continue to attend to the needs of their students. We are grateful for your commitment and for all that you are doing to ensure our government works, and works for all. The Academy sends its best wishes that you stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
Terry

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