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Gentlemen:

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Let me assure you that we have a thorough vetting process for this award. Dr. Harvin's nomination has been overwhelmingly supported, including by Dr. Jill Lipoti of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, David Lochbaum of the Union of Concerned Scientists and Professors of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. I will advise you in the near future of the international venue in which we will present Dr. Harvin with the Carl Barus Award for Outstanding Service in the Public Interest. The IEEE would welcome

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