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Dear Dr. Jeffrey:

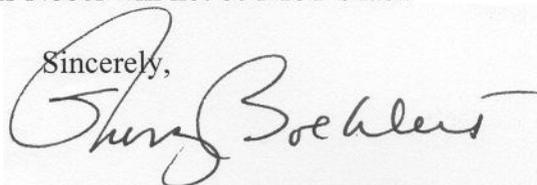
I hope you will convey to the entire staff of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) my congratulations on the announcement of NIST's third Nobel Prize.

While the Nobel recognizes first and foremost the genius (and hard work) of the individual scientist – in this case, Dr. John Hall – the awarding of this Nobel also reflects well on NIST as a whole, which hired, nurtured, assisted and gave play to Dr. Hall's enormous talents (and to the talents of Dr. Cornell and Dr. Phillips, NIST's two other Nobel laureates).

I am sure that the entire team at NIST rightly feels honored by the success of their colleague. And you can be sure that those of us in Congress who fight for NIST funding will be reminding our own colleagues frequently about the international recognition NIST has once again received.

Again, my thanks to everyone at NIST for working to keep the United States at the forefront of science. I am sure that this Nobel will not be NIST's last.

Sincerely,



SHERWOOD BOEHLERT
Chairman