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The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

On behalf of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) scientists, staff, and over 500 members of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, we would like to thank you for your support of Advanced LIGO during the FY 2008 appropriations cycle. Your support of our program is a critical component of our continuing success.

I would like to invite you to visit either of our LIGO observatories—located in Livingston, Louisiana and Hanford, Washington and our LIGO R&D facility at Caltech—to see firsthand the exciting research being conducted. LIGO continues to break new ground and is the world leader in gravitational-wave science, Advanced LIGO will continue this strong tradition.

Finally, I would like to commend your staff, especially Tim Bergreen, Adrienne Rose, and Alex Saltman, for their hard work on behalf of LIGO. Their time and dedication are very much appreciated.

I look forward to working with you in the future as Advanced LIGO moves forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jay Marx
Executive Director
LIGO