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Dear Dr. Kohlenberg,

Thank you for your letter outlining your concerns over the viability of the OEOSC. We have always thought this a valuable undertaking and have been pleased to host your Board at our events. This year I am encouraged by the short course at Photonics West, and hope you also regard it as a success.

We also note an increasing reluctance of corporations to sponsor important activities such as definition and maintenance of standards. When we ask our corporate members, it is obvious that they do not appreciate the value of standards and how much they mean economically, both here in the US and in the global markets (more education on the value of your work may be in order).

Please continue to keep SPIE informed on the status of OEOSC. I will inform the SPIE Board of the concerns you've raised.

Sincerely,

Eugene G. Arthurs

cc: Kathleen Robinson