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**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS ON
THE ROLE MUSEUMS PLAY IN PROMOTING SCIENCE LEARNING**

WHAT: On the heels of a new report by the National Academy of Sciences on science learning in informal environments, the Museum of Science and Industry will speak before a Congressional subcommittee on the leadership role of museums in improving science education.

The House Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, chaired by U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), is hearing testimony on the topic “Beyond the Classroom: Informal STEM Education.”

Andrea Ingram, Vice President of Education and Guest Services, will discuss how museums are natural leaders in helping to improve science education at a time when American students have fallen behind their international peers in science. She will highlight how the Museum of Science and Industry is creating a new national model for how science museums connect with students, teachers, communities and school systems to advance science education.

WHO: **Andrea Ingram**, Vice President of Education and Guest Services at the Museum of Science and Industry

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m. Central time (10 a.m. to noon Eastern time)

WHERE: 2318 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Watch the live Webcast:

http://science.house.gov/publications/hearings_markups_details.aspx?NewsID=2361

Her testimony will be available immediately following the hearing at www.msichicago.org.

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