Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We encourage your administration to consider relocating NASA's headquarters from Washington, D.C., to the great state of Florida. With NASA's lease expiring in 2028 and plans to spend \$500 million on a new facility in the National Capital Region, we have a unique opportunity to reshape its future for the better.

Space Florida, the state's aerospace finance, development and spaceport authority, can potentially provide a cost-saving solution that affords NASA the unique opportunity for a historic break away from the bureaucracy in D.C. that will provide the agility to meet the demands of today's aerospace science, research and test ecosystem. Space Florida has the tools to provide build-to-suit options with quantifiable cost savings to federal, public and private entities in the Space or Aerospace Industry. Sourcing funds from capital markets and backed by long-term, competitive lease agreements, Space Florida leverages its authorities to create unique public-public and public-private partnerships to build world-class facilities for its partners across the state.

Relocating NASA's headquarters to Florida will cultivate a new age in American space achievement. Washington's bureaucratic environment has hindered NASA's efficiency, while Florida is the undisputed leader in space operations. In 2024 alone, Florida hosted 93 launches—more than Communist China and Russia combined. Additionally, more-and-more splashdown operations are occurring at the Gulf of America, spurring more investments across Florida. With Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, and a booming commercial space industry, Florida is the clear choice for NASA's new HQ.

Relocating to Florida will:

• Save taxpayer dollars: Florida's construction and utility costs are significantly lower than Washington's, eliminating the need for wasteful spending on a new D.C.-based HQ.

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- Embed NASA within the space industry: SpaceX, Blue Origin, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and others already operate in Florida. NASA leadership must be where innovation happens.
- Enhance efficiency and streamline operations: A move to Florida will break NASA free from Washington's stagnation and refocus it on results-driven leadership.
- **Leverage a world-class workforce:** Florida boasts 140,000 aerospace workers and top-tier engineering programs that will fuel the next era of space exploration.
- **Ensure global connectivity:** Florida's major airports and seaports provide seamless access to Washington and beyond.

America's leadership in space is not guaranteed. China's space industry, technology, and ambition is advancing rapidly, and we cannot afford complacency. Moving NASA headquarters to Florida will reduce costs, drive innovation, and solidify America's dominance in space. We urge your administration to make this move a priority.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to securing our nation's leadership in space.

Sincerely,

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