



April 17, 2018

Chairman Lamar Smith
House Science Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson
House Science Committee
394 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Johnson,

Space Florida applauds the work that the House Science, Space, & Technology Committee put into developing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2018.

As the State of Florida's aerospace authority, Space Florida fosters bold economic development activities to expand and diversify domestic and international opportunities that support talent development and enhance infrastructure in the support of expanding human activity in space. The State of Florida has successfully financed, invested in, and effectively integrated close to \$1B in infrastructure investments at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport, particularly in support of the burgeoning commercial sector. Many of these projects involve structural upgrades to operations and management of existing U.S. government facilities. In particular, Space Florida is able to provide matching dollars to certain funds in the NASA budget, thereby leveraging federal taxpayer investment in Cape Canaveral Spaceport infrastructure. We look forward to working with the agency and particularly Kennedy Space Center to accomplish that objective.

Space Florida is glad to see the House taking a strong leadership approach to providing direction to NASA. We are very appreciative of the opportunity to provide input in the process and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to support the growth of a world-class space economy in Florida that maintains and strengthens our country's leadership in space.

Sincerely,

Frank A. DiBello
President and CEO
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