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House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology 2321 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Subcommittee Chairman Babin,

On behalf of The Boeing Company, I would like to express our support and appreciation for the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee's *NASA Authorization Act of 2018*. I also want to recognize your staff for working with stakeholders once the bill text was released to make additional improvements in the Manager's Amendment to ensure this bill fully reflects the Committee's commitment to our nation's deep space exploration and human spaceflight programs.

The bill reaffirms support and full funding for the Space Launch System and NASA's human exploration program, authorizes the Lunar Orbital Platform-Gateway to support crewed missions in deep space, supports continued development and operation of a safe and reliable Commercial Crew capability and reasserts support for the International Space Station, which is one of our Nation's most important research assets. It also supports a healthy aeronautics research directorate that contributes to our nation's aerospace economy.

Thank you again for your commitment to regular NASA reauthorization bills and we look forward to working with you and other members of Congress as this bill moves forward on the House floor.

Best regards,

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