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TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
DATE: July 19, 2018
SUBJECT: Full Committee Hearing: “James Webb Space Telescope: Program Breach and its Implications”

On Wednesday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday, July 26, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a two-part hearing titled, “James Webb Space Telescope: Program Breach and its Implications.”

Hearing Purpose

The purpose of this hearing is to focus discussion on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) [Independent Review Board \(IRB\) report and NASA’s response](#), as well as the implications of the ongoing JWST program breach, especially to other NASA programs. Since the JWST program has now breached under [51 USC 30104 notification conditions](#), the hearing discussion on July 25 will explore NASA program management effectiveness, program continuation and reauthorization, and budgetary implications across NASA’s entire science portfolio, to include the WFIRST program. The second part on July 26 will explore contractor issues and recommended improvements regarding contractor accountability.

Witnesses

Panel 1, June 25:

- **Hon. Jim Bridenstine**, Administrator, NASA¹
- **Mr. Tom Young**, Chairman, JWST Independent Review Board

Panel 2, July 26:

- **Mr. Wesley Bush**, Chief Executive Officer, Northrop Grumman²
- **Mr. Tom Young**, Chairman, JWST Independent Review Board

Staff Contact

For questions related to the hearing, please contact Dr. Michael Mineiro, Staff Director, Space Subcommittee, Dr. Samuel Amber, Professional Staff Member, Space Subcommittee, or Ms. Sara Ratliff, Policy Assistant, Space Subcommittee, at 202-225-6371.

¹ Mr. Bridenstine may have an assistant with him at the witness table to assist with technical questions, but a single statement will be submitted on behalf of NASA.

² Mr. Bush may have an assistant with him at the witness table to assist with technical questions, but a single statement will be submitted on behalf of Northrop Grumman.