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TO: Members, Subcommittee on Space
FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
SUBJECT: Subcommittee Hearing: “Human Spaceflight Ethics and Obligations: Options for Monitoring, Diagnosing, and Treating Former Astronauts”
DATE: June 10, 2016

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Space will hold a hearing titled, “Human Spaceflight Ethics and Obligations: Options for Monitoring, Diagnosing, and Treating Former Astronauts.”

Hearing Purpose

The hearing will evaluate the impacts of long duration human spaceflight on astronaut health; federal obligations and ethical considerations related to those impacts; as well as potential options for monitoring, diagnosing, and treating retired and management NASA astronauts for conditions resulting from their federal service.

Witnesses

- **The Honorable Thomas Perez**, Secretary, Department of Labor (or his designee – invited)
- **Dr. Richard Williams**, Chief Health and Medical Officer, NASA
- **Captain Chris Cassidy**, United States Navy (USN); Chief, Astronaut Office, NASA
- **Captain Scott Kelly** (USN, Ret.), Former Astronaut, NASA
- **Captain Michael Lopez-Alegria** (USN, Ret), President, Association of Space Explorers-USA; Former Astronaut, NASA
- **Dr. Jeffrey Kahn**, Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics; Chairman, Committee on the Ethics Principles and Guidelines for Health Standards for Long Duration and Exploration Spaceflights, Board on Health Sciences Policy, National Academies of Sciences

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For questions related to the hearing, please contact Mr. Tom Hammond, Staff Director, Space Subcommittee, at 202-225-6371.