Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 23, 2026

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

The Honorable Jared Isaacman
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear President Trump and Administrator Isaacman:

We write to follow up on our September 3, 2026 letter expressing the Florida congressional delegation's strong and bipartisan support for locating the United States Space Academy in Florida. Since then, Florida has submitted its response to NASA's Request for Information. We believe Florida's proposal makes an even stronger case for why our state is the right home for this historic institution.

Florida is not simply offering a location. We have a ready-to-execute plan that builds on infrastructure, academic partnerships, and our state's long track record of support for the space industry. The proposal outlines a phased approach that would allow the Space Academy to begin its mission quickly while establishing a permanent campus at the heart of America's space enterprise.

Under Florida's proposal, the University of Central Florida would host approximately 300 students beginning in Fall 2028, providing an established academic home, faculty, laboratories, and student services while the permanent campus is developed. The Space Academy would then transition to a proposed 1,000-acre site at Kennedy Space Center, with a permanent campus designed to accommodate at least 1,200 students by Fall 2031 and room for future growth. This approach allows the Space Academy to begin educating the next generation of American space leaders without waiting for construction of its permanent home to be completed.

Just as importantly, Florida offers students an unparalleled opportunity. Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, NASA, the United States Space Force, and many of the nation's leading commercial space companies operate in close proximity. Students would have opportunities to engage directly with the civil, national security, and commercial space sectors, along with research opportunities through Florida's universities, including the Florida Space Research Consortium and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Florida's proposal also demonstrates a practical commitment to making the Space Academy financially and operationally viable. The state has already invested more than $680 million in space transportation infrastructure, much of it at or near the proposed permanent campus. Florida has identified existing state infrastructure programs, Space Florida financing authorities, and public-private partnership opportunities that can support development and reduce the Space Academy's upfront federal costs. The proposal also builds on Space Florida's existing property agreement with NASA, which provides a pathway to make the proposed Kennedy Space Center site available.

The United States Space Academy should serve students from across the country and prepare them to support America's interests in space for generations to come. Florida offers the infrastructure, academic resources, industry partnerships, and operational environment to make that vision a reality. Few places can match the combination of spaceflight heritage and active operations that students would experience on Florida's Space Coast.

Now that Florida has formally submitted its proposal, we respectfully urge you and the Presidential Commission to give it full and favorable consideration as the selection process moves forward. Florida is ready to partner with the federal government to establish an Academy that strengthens our national security, advances American innovation, and ensures our nation remains the world leader in space.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We look forward to working with you to bring the United States Space Academy to Florida.

In short: Florida is a Go.

Sincerely,

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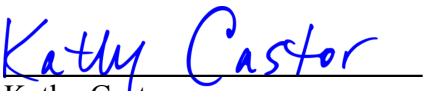

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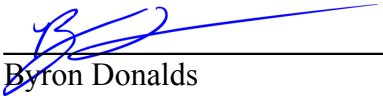

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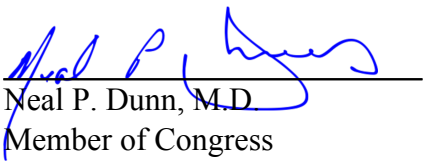

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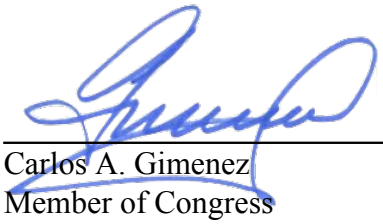

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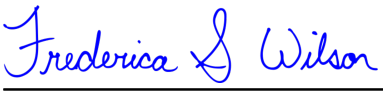

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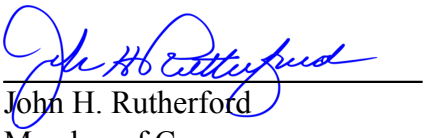

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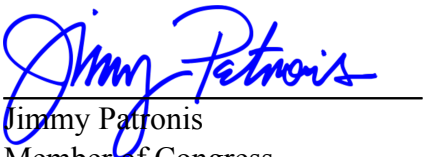

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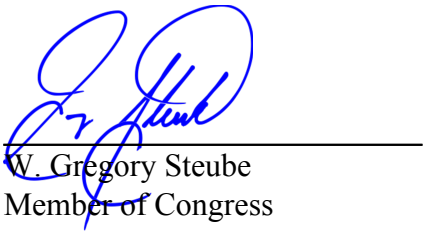

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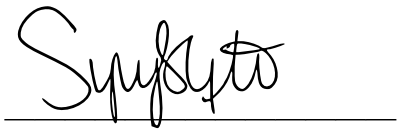

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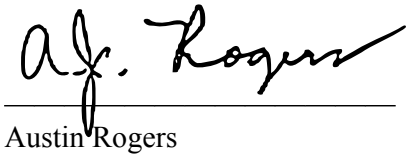

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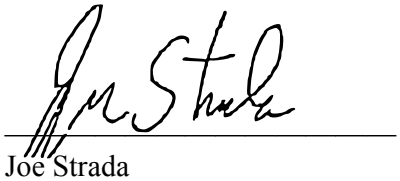

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