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Washington, DC 20515

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Jared Isaacman
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Chair, Presidential Commission on the United States Space Academy
NASA Headquarters
300 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20546

Subject: United States Space Academy

Dear Administrator Isaacman,

As Co-Chairs of the California Aerospace Caucus, we urge NASA and the Presidential Commission to consider California as the site of the new United States Space Academy.

California is home to the largest ecosystem of nationally recognized aerospace assets, including the Jet Propulsion Lab, the Ames Research Center, Vandenberg Space Force Base, and numerous aerospace companies. Since WWII, California has been the intellectual capital of the world for the development of next-generation space capabilities and projects for both civilian and military purposes.

Selecting California for this prestigious Academy would allow students to train alongside the industry and government infrastructure that is defining the future of American spaceflight. California's academic institutions, including Caltech, the University of California system, and the California State University system, would be well-positioned to partner with the formation of a Space Academy to educate the next generation of space explorers, entrepreneurs, and researchers. They consistently recruit the best and brightest and produce a significant share of the nation's aerospace engineers and scientists. Equally important, positioning the Academy at the heart of this community would provide young cadets with a direct perspective on public-sector careers in space, encouraging more of the nation's top talent to opt for service after graduation.

The undersigned Members of California's Congressional Delegation thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on this initiative. We hope the Commission will include California among its top recommendations as it finalizes its report.

Sincerely,



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