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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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The Honorable Jared Isaacman
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Dear President Trump and Administrator Isaacman,

As members of the Florida congressional delegation, we write to express our appreciation for your leadership in strengthening American leadership in space. The Executive Order establishing the United States Space Academy represents an important investment in developing the next generation of astronauts, engineers, scientists, military leaders, entrepreneurs, and public servants who will advance our nation's interests in space.

For more than seven decades, Florida's Space Coast has served as the launchpad of America's space program. From Mercury and Apollo to the Space Shuttle and now Artemis, Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral have been at the center of some of our nation's most consequential achievements in space. Today, that legacy continues as the Space Coast leads the way in human spaceflight, commercial launches, exploration, and innovation.

Florida now hosts an expansive and increasingly interconnected space ecosystem which encompasses NASA, the United States Space Force, the Department of War, leading research universities, and a rapidly expanding commercial space industry. From launch providers and spacecraft manufacturers to satellite companies, defense contractors, and emerging space-technology firms, Florida's private sector represents the range and scale of capabilities that will define America's future in space.

These capabilities directly align with the mission outlined in the Executive Order, Establishing the United States Space Academy.¹ The Space Academy is intended to combine technical education with leadership development, hands-on training, public service, and partnerships across government, academia, and industry.

As the Presidential Commission tasked with developing the plan for the new academy considers the permanent location, we strongly believe Florida is uniquely positioned to host this important institution.

Florida offers a climate in which Space Academy students could pursue rigorous academic study, conduct research through our state's universities, learn from NASA and Space Force personnel, engage directly with commercial space companies, and gain firsthand exposure to the nation's launch and space

¹ Donald J. Trump, "Establishing the United States Space Academy," The White House, August 28, 2026, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/08/establishing-the-united-states-space-academy/>.

operations. Few locations can provide students with such immediate access to the operational space enterprise they are preparing to lead.

Florida also has an established academic foundation for this mission. The Florida University Space Research Consortium brings together eight universities engaged in space-related research and education, providing a strong foundation for academic collaboration, advanced research, and partnerships with a national Space Academy.²

Beyond the Space Coast, Florida's statewide spaceport and aerospace infrastructure—including facilities and capabilities associated with Eglin, Tyndall, Cecil, and Homestead—offers additional opportunities for research, testing, manufacturing, education, and national-security applications.

The Space Academy envisioned in the Executive Order should serve the entire nation. Establishing the Academy in Florida would connect students from across the country with the institutions, professionals, and operational capabilities that are shaping America's future in space.

We respectfully encourage the Presidential Commission to consider Florida's unique combination of spaceflight heritage, launch infrastructure, national-security capabilities, academic resources, and commercial space activity as it evaluates the permanent location of the United States Space Academy.

Thank you, President Trump and Administrator Isaacman, for your leadership and for recognizing the importance of investing in the Americans who will carry our nation's leadership in space into the future.

Sincerely,



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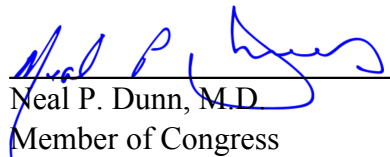


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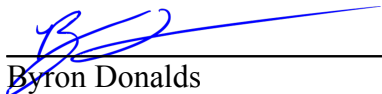
² Florida Space Research Consortium, "Florida Space Research Consortium," accessed August 31, 2026.
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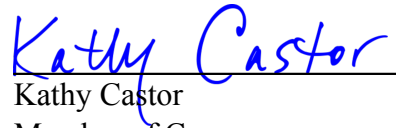
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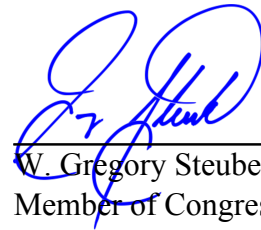
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