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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Eric K. Fanning
President and Chief Executive Officer
Aerospace Industries Association
1000 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 1700
Arlington, VA 22209-3928

Dear Mr. Fanning:

As the United States confronts challenges resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative to maintain the nation's civil and commercial space capabilities. The recently-enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) provided economic relief to certain distressed industries, including entities within the U.S. aerospace sector. The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation requests your assistance as it conducts appropriate oversight of the aerospace industry's viability during this pandemic and the implementation of the CARES Act.

In your role as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Aerospace Industries Association, you have invaluable insight into the current state of the U.S. aerospace and defense industry. Please provide the Committee with an update on how the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting mitigation efforts have impacted the aerospace sector, including efforts in support of U.S. Government civil space missions. In addition, the Committee requests that you detail any plans your organization may have to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This update will also provide an opportunity for you and your organization to offer policy recommendations or requests for congressional assistance to ensure the stability of America's aerospace enterprise during this challenging time.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel Graham of the Republican staff at (202) 224-1251. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Roger F. Wicker
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Dr. Mary Lynn Dittmar
President and Chief Executive Officer
Coalition for Deep Space Exploration
1545 18th Street, Northwest
Unit 514
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Dr. Dittmar:

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In your role as the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Coalition for Deep Space Exploration, you have invaluable insight into the current state of the U.S. aerospace industry. Please provide the Committee with an update on how the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting mitigation efforts have impacted the aerospace sector, including efforts in support of U.S. Government civil space missions. In addition, the Committee requests that you detail any plans your organization may have to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This update will also provide an opportunity for you and your organization to offer policy recommendations or requests for congressional assistance to ensure the stability of America's aerospace enterprise during this challenging time.

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Mr. Eric Stallmer
President
Commercial Spaceflight Federation
727 15th Street, Northwest
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Stallmer:

As the United States confronts challenges resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative to maintain the nation's civil and commercial space capabilities. The recently-enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) provided economic relief to certain distressed industries, including entities within the U.S. aerospace sector. The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation requests your assistance as it conducts appropriate oversight of the aerospace industry's viability during this pandemic and the implementation of the CARES Act.

In your role as the President of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation, you have invaluable insight into the current state of the U.S. aerospace industry. Please provide the Committee with an update on how the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting mitigation efforts have impacted the aerospace sector, including efforts in support of U.S. Government civil space missions. In addition, the Committee requests that you detail any plans your organization may have to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This update will also provide an opportunity for you and your organization to offer policy recommendations or requests for congressional assistance to ensure the stability of America's aerospace enterprise during this challenging time.

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Dr. Jeffrey A. Isaacson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Universities Space Research Association
7178 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Dr. Isaacson:

As the United States confronts challenges resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative to maintain the nation's civil and commercial space capabilities. The recently-enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) provided economic relief to certain distressed industries, including entities within the U.S. aerospace sector. The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation requests your assistance as it conducts appropriate oversight of the viability of the aerospace industry and research enterprise during this pandemic and the implementation of the CARES Act.

In your role as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Universities Space Research Association, you have invaluable insight into the current state of universities' contributions to U.S. aerospace science, research, and development. Please provide the Committee with an update on how the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting mitigation efforts have impacted your organization's members and the aerospace science and research sector. In addition, the Committee requests that you detail any plans your organization may have to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This update will also provide an opportunity for you and your organization to offer policy recommendations or requests for congressional assistance to ensure the stability of America's aerospace enterprise during this challenging time.

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