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TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
SUBJECT: Subcommittee on Space Hearing: “Commercial Remote Sensing: Facilitating Innovation and Leadership”
DATE: September 2, 2016

On Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space will hold a hearing titled, “Commercial Remote Sensing: Facilitating Innovation and Leadership.”

Hearing Purpose

The hearing will examine the current state of the space-based remote sensing industry, including scientific and technical advances in the fields of space-to-earth and space-to-space remote sensing. Examples of remote sensing applications include mapping technologies, crop monitoring, natural resource exploration, and national security. This hearing will also assess existing United States law and regulation governing private remote sensing space systems, including whether there is a need to reform existing law and regulation.

Witnesses

- **Mr. Kevin O’Connell**, President and CEO, Innovative Analytics and Training LLC; Former Chair, Federal Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES)
- **Mr. Kevin Pomfret**, Executive Director, Centre for Spatial Law and Policy
- **Ms. Michele R. Weslander Quaid**, President, Sunesis Nexus LLC
- **Mr. Michael Dodge**, Assistant Professor, Department of Space Studies, University of North Dakota
- **Ms. Joanne Gabrynowicz**, Professor Emerita, University of Mississippi School of Law

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For questions related to the hearing, please contact Mr. Tom Hammond, Staff Director, Space Subcommittee, Dr. Michael Mineiro, Counsel, Space Subcommittee, or Mr. Jonathan Charlton, Policy Assistant, Space Subcommittee, at 202-225-6371.