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House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
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Dear Chairman Smith and Subcommittee Chairman Babin,

On behalf of United Launch Alliance, I would like to congratulate you and your staff for your work on the *NASA Authorization Act of 2018*. In particular, I want to thank you for working with stakeholders after the bill's release to construct a Manager's Amendment with meaningful inputs that helped further improve the bill.

We commend the Committee for its strong support of human exploration, and robust funding authority for the Space Launch System (SLS), Orion Multipurpose Crew Vehicle, commercial crew, and commercial cargo programs. We also appreciate your support of a second Mobile Launch Platform and Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage which enable the busy manifest for the SLS and Orion systems. In addition, your efforts help strengthen America's space industrial base and take the first steps in establishing how the government and commercial sector will work together to establish a CisLunar economy, and what a legal regime to govern such an economy will look like.

We are at a critical juncture in our nation's space program. As we prepare to launch some of the most advanced spacecraft ever built, launch the world's most powerful rocket carrying the capsule that will take humans to the Moon, Mars, and beyond, and launch American astronauts from American soil once again, it is vital that Congress and the Administration work together to ensure our nation stays the course. Together, we will ensure the United States remains the leading nation in space. Thank you for your leadership; we look forward to working with you and your colleagues as this bill advances.

Sincerely,



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