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Dear Leaders-

As you may know, late last year, Maxar Technologies was formed. Maxar is the combination of Space Systems Loral (SSL), MDA, DigitalGlobe and Radiant Solutions. The combination has enabled leadership in satellite communications (building and operating), ground infrastructure, Earth observation, advanced analytics, insights from machine learning, next-generation propulsion, space robotics, and on-orbit servicing. Having just hit our six month mark as this new company, we are excited for the future.

While our excitement grows for possibilities and advancements in space, we continue to be concerned about the regulatory restrictions the industry faces. This is why the passage of HR2809-The American Space Commerce Free Enterprise Act-is so critical. For too long, the remote sensing industry, in particular, has operated under outdated laws and regulations that are hampering international competitiveness. This bill will provide necessary updates that will help keep US industry an international leader and provide the transparency, timelines and predictability needed for technology advancements and investment. Further, it moves to establish a new office within the Department of Commerce for space activities. We believe this move will elevate space commerce appropriately within this department and commensurate with national interests.

We applaud the Committee on Science, Space and Technology for their continued leadership on this issue and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,



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