



April 25, 2025

The Honorable Brian Babin
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
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Dear Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of the Commercial Space Federation (CSF), the voice of the commercial space industry, I am writing to convey CSF's endorsement of H.R. 2600, the ASCEND Act.

NASA's Commercial Satellite Data Acquisition (CSDA) program is an outstanding example of how commercial companies can provide data and services to the government for a fraction of the cost of government owned systems. Initiated in 2017, the CSDA program now provides high resolution satellite data from 15 commercial vendors, augmenting the government's own Earth observing satellites. This data provides federal researchers access to new, unique types of remote sensing data that can monitor crop yields, wildfires, and other important environmental indicators.

The ASCEND Act would permanently authorize the CSDA program and provide clear guidance to NASA to continue this program and potentially expand utilization of CSDA data sets. This is critical given reports that the agency may reduce resources for science programs even before an FY 2026 appropriation. CSF applauds the committee for considering the ASCEND Act and encourages quick passage of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We look forward to working with you and your staff to support passage of the ASCEND Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Cavossa", written in a cursive style.

Dave Cavossa
President, Commercial Space Federation