

June 25, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

Thank you for your leadership on the *American Space SAFE Management Act*. This bill is an important step to ensuring continued safe and affordable access to space consistent with U.S. civil, commercial, and national security objectives.

SpaceX is committed to responsible stewardship of the space environment. As the number of operators in space continues to grow, the U.S. should develop an appropriate civil agency interface to share space situational awareness (SSA) information with the commercial sector to ensure a safe space environment. This legislation supports ongoing collaboration between the private sector and the government through the Department of Commerce to develop best practices and to share data.

SpaceX appreciates the Committee's engagement with industry throughout the legislative process and looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as these issues evolve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Hughes".

Tim Hughes
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