



May 14, 2015

The Honorable Lamar Smith  
Chairman House Committee on Science,  
Space, and Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Bridenstine  
216 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steven Palazzo  
Chairman House Subcommittee on Space  
B734 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Ed Perlmutter  
1410 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Chairman Palazzo, Representative Bridenstine, and Representative Perlmutter:

On behalf of Planet Labs, I want to thank you for bringing forward H.R. 2216, the “Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015.” With long-standing global leadership by its commercial providers, the U.S. remote sensing sector has recently become a high-growth arena with new businesses and innovators. Together, these U.S. providers are forging new solutions to long-standing problems and exploring unique opportunities to improve life on Earth. Planet Labs appreciates the Committee’s interest – and your personal interest – in the growth of this sector. We share your belief that this is the right time to evaluate how the commercial remote sensing licensing process can adapt as new markets develop.

The U.S. remains the pre-eminent location for global innovation in aerospace, with access to various sources of capital, a workforce with talent second to none, and a consistent and expert legal and regulatory regime. In the long-term, our regulatory regime must continue to strike the right balance between various national priorities, assuring the U.S. continued economic and aerospace leadership well into the 21st century. We look forward to the passage of this important legislation and the dialogue that it begins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbie Schingler", written in a cursive style.

Robbie Schingler, President  
Planet Labs