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The Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman  
Committee on Science Space and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Brian Babin, Chairman  
Committee on Science Space and Technology  
Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics

Dear Chairman Lucas and Chairman Babin,

As the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology prepares to finalize its markup of H.R. 6131, the Commercial Space Act of 2023, I write in support of the Committee's legislation to promote a transparent and predictable regulatory environment that will strengthen the U.S. commercial space sector's global competitiveness, unleash American innovation, and ensure safety and sustainability in space. I wholeheartedly agree that a strong U.S. commercial space sector is imperative to achieving America's space commercialization, exploration, science, and national security goals.

As the CEO of Advanced Space, the first U.S. commercial space company to operate in cislunar space, I am extremely proud of the hard work and expertise of our team. Consistent government support is not only necessary for the development of these complex applications, but it also sends a powerful signal to the private markets to stimulate competition, innovation, and investment. In addition to supporting the achievements of our most ambitious goals in space, a transparent and predictable regulatory environment also helps U.S. firms create and sustain thousands of STEM and advanced manufacturing jobs across the United States.

I believe the legislation provides much needed clarity for the certification of nongovernmental space activities that will strengthen our domestic space industrial base at the precise moment when global competition in the realm of space technologies is intensifying. Specific to the current cislunar commercial evolution, communications and navigation will be critical functions and collectively the commercial, national security, and civil space constituencies in the United States must prioritize secure, scalable, and resilient solutions to enable future users and domestic market growth.

I thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further assistance or additional information.

Sincerely,

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