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The Honorable Frank Lucas
Chairman, House Committee on Science,
Space, and Tech.
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member, House Committee on Science,
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The Honorable Brian Babin
Chairman, Space and Aeronautics,
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The Honorable Eric Sorensen
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members,

The nation's leadership in space increasingly depends on commercial spaceflight. At Blue Origin, we are proud of work contributing to advances in science, exploration, and national security. We applaud the introduction of the Commercial Space Act of 2023, which will help ensure that America provides a hospitable legal and regulatory environment for innovative commercial space companies. Blue Origin supports this legislation because it will promote the further development of the commercial spaceflight industry in the United States.

A key component of this bill is a focus on simplicity and transparency for U.S. authorization and supervision of space activity. A single 'front door' to the U.S. Government for companies who intend to develop novel in-space systems provides certainty to the industry and lays a foundation for organized communication. This will make it much easier for us – and for the smaller, newer companies we hope will follow in our footsteps – to meet national and international obligations and get to "yes." The bill also extends the human spaceflight learning period, providing sufficient time for the FAA and operators to gain experience and develop best practices. During this time, we will continue to work closely with the FAA as they develop their capabilities to meet the needs of the industry today and plan for the future.

We look forward to supporting the bill as it moves through the Committee process and to the House floor.

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