



November 29, 2023

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

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
House Committee on Science,
Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) represents over 320 American aerospace companies and an industry employing over 2 million U.S. workers. Across AIA's member companies are the suppliers, designers, manufacturers, launch providers, and operators of commercial, civil, and national security satellites and space vehicles. AIA supports continuing consideration of H.R. 6131, the Commercial Space Act of 2023.

We appreciate the Committee working with the aerospace industry to examine and update the laws governing the commercial space sector. Since the last comprehensive commercial space bill in 2015, the U.S. space industry has seen tremendous growth and increasing importance to our economic and national security success in space. These changes warrant a careful examination of current law to ensure continued U.S. space industry innovation and a long-term sustainable space environment. Accordingly, we support the Committee's timely resumption of deliberations on the Commercial Space Act of 2023 and continued dialogue with the Committee on developing the legislation.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on H.R. 6131 as it proceeds through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. French". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike French
Vice President, Space Systems
Aerospace Industries Association