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Chairman Lamar Smith  
House Science Committee  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson  
House Science Committee  
394 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Johnson,

The Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF), representing over 80 member companies and organizations across the United States, is grateful for the time and energy you, your staff, and the other Members of the House Science, Space, & Technology Committee put into developing the *National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2018*.

We appreciate the Committee's continued support and strong funding for the Commercial Crew and Commercial Cargo programs, recognizing their critical importance to continued ISS operations and, indeed, America's human spaceflight program. CSF Members also support the Committee's work regarding commercial low Earth orbit (LEO) activities, and critical path redundancy for operations beyond LEO, and public-private partnerships for lunar surface operations. We continue to believe that commercial solutions to deep space exploration are a critical advantage for the American space program.

We support the Committee's authorization of full funding for the Administration's proposal for increased commercial operations in LEO. The legislation recognizes the need for a national policy and strategy for microgravity research, the continuation of a National Laboratory during and beyond an ISS transition, the purchase of commercial supply of space products for space exploration missions, and support for Flight Opportunities program.

CSF and our members look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to encourage strong commercial space activity in America, Earth orbit, and beyond.

Sincerely,

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President  
Commercial Spaceflight Federation