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**Statement of Space Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas)  
Markup of the *NASA Authorization Act of 2014***

**Chairman Smith:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your leadership on this Subcommittee and your dedication to NASA and its employees. The work you and Ranking Member Donna Edwards did to put this agreement together sets an example for how this Committee can work productively towards a common goal. Also, I want to thank the Republican and Democratic staff who worked long hours to help advance this legislation.

This bill continues the bipartisan direction that this Committee has provided to NASA for nearly a decade, despite the Administration's attempts to reorder Congressional priorities.

The 91 page bill before the Subcommittee today provides support and guidance to the Space Launch System and Orion crew capsule, the Commercial Crew Program, the International Space Station, Astrophysics including the James Webb Space Telescope, Planetary Science, Heliophysics, Earth Science, Space Technology and Aeronautics.

At a fundamental level, space exploration—the mission of NASA—is about inspiration. The agreement reached by Chairman Palazzo and Ranking Member Edwards demonstrates what we can accomplish together. It is my hope that the bipartisanship embodied in this agreement will establish a precedent of the future.

I look forward to continuing this discussion with Ranking Member Johnson. It is my desire to move this bill through the Full Committee and to the House floor as soon as possible. I know we still have work to do, but this is certainly a positive step.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I yield back.