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TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
SUBJECT: Joint Subcommittee on Space and Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Hearing: “Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Astrobiology”
DATE: July 7th, 2016

On Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing titled, “Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Astrobiology.”

Hearing Purpose

The hearing will examine space- and ground-based astronomy, astrophysics, and astrobiology programs, projects, and activities at NASA, NSF, academia, and the private sector.

Witnesses

- **Dr. Paul Hertz**, Director, Astrophysics Division, NASA;
- **Dr. Jim Ulvestad**, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, NSF;
- **Dr. Angela Olinto**, Chair, Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (AAAC), and Homer J. Livingston Professor, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Enrico Fermi Institute, University of Chicago;
- **Dr. Shelly Wright**, Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego, Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, Breakthrough Listen Advisory Committee;
- **Dr. Christine Jones**, Senior Astrophysicist, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, President, American Astronomical Society.

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