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

The Honorable Steven Palazzo
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Space
B734 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Chairman Palazzo:

I am writing to thank you for your leadership, along with Majority Leader McCarthy, in introducing the SPACE Act. This important update to the law governing commercial space launches will help companies like Virgin Galactic take the next crucial steps toward building a vibrant American commercial spaceflight industry.

The SPACE Act enables industry to work with FAA to continuously improve safety, while promoting innovation and improved services. The bill also streamlines processes that will help companies operate sooner and more frequently while maintaining safety as a top priority.

We look forward to the passage of this important legislation, which will help ensure America's future leadership in space.

George Whitesides
CEO of Virgin Galactic and The Spaceship Company

