



May 13, 2015

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Steven Palazzo
Chair, Subcommittee on Space
331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to congratulate and thank you for your hard work towards re-authorizing the Commercial Space Launch Act. This piece of legislation has many important provisions that are needed to help advance the United States' commercial space enterprise. Earlier this year, as part of our MarchStorm project, we visited many Congressional offices. While there, we discussed many issues we see as essential for the expansion of the U.S. commercial space sector; a prerequisite to true space development and space settlement.

With the release of the SPACE act, from Majority Leader McCarthy, we are glad to see that the Congress shares our vision, and strongly support its passage in the United States House of Representatives. One of our key issues we discussed during our office visits was extending the learning period, and the inclusion of an 8 year extension is wonderful. Other items, such as allowing license/permit flexibility and encouraging voluntary standards also deserve thanks, as they will enable industry innovation and growth, and helping us to become a true spacefaring society.

We are heartened that the US Congress and the Administration are in sync, since the current US Space Transportation Policy states

"Pursue policy, regulatory, and other measures to foster the development of U.S. commercial spaceflight capabilities serving the emerging nongovernmental human spaceflight market"

It's great to see congress and the administration developing laws and policies that are in sync with each other.

Please feel free to contact the Space Frontier Foundation if there are other ways we might help in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Feige".

Jeff Feige
Chairman of the Board
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