

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20500

Mr. Charles Ezell  
Acting Director  
Office of Personnel Management  
1900 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20415

Dear Mr. President and Acting Director Ezell,

We write to express our deep concern regarding the reported cuts to NASA's budget and personnel, and the potential impact these reductions may have on the future of the Artemis space exploration program, our national aerospace industry, and the broader mission of space exploration.

We believe the reported cuts to NASA's budget and personnel would be unlawful because Congress has already appropriated these funds specifically for NASA. We are particularly concerned to hear about the reported layoffs at the Kennedy Space Center, where over one hundred dedicated employees have lost their job amid what was already a staffing crisis. Reports indicate that more cuts could be on the way. These cuts could hinder our nation's ability to sustain momentum in our pursuit of a Moon landing, Mars exploration, and broader space initiatives. The space race is no longer just a race for prestige; it is a race for scientific discovery, national security, and economic prosperity. Without the robust support of NASA, our country risks falling behind in these crucial areas, with other nations accelerating their own space programs and potentially surpassing us in key areas of space technology and exploration.

Moreover, the space program is a source of immense national pride. It unites Americans across political and geographical divides in our shared goal to explore the unknown, reach new heights, and inspire future generations. Any cuts to NASA's funding undermine this critical source of inspiration and pride.

We ask that you advocate for full support of NASA's budget and to work to ensure that our space programs remain robust and sustainable. The Artemis program, our nation's space exploration goals, and the future of the aerospace industry depend on it.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues. We look forward to assisting you in advancing NASA's mission and strengthening our nation's position as a global leader in space exploration.

Sincerely,

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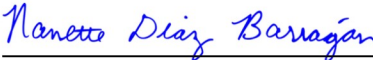
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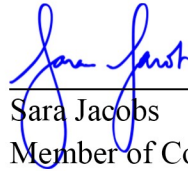
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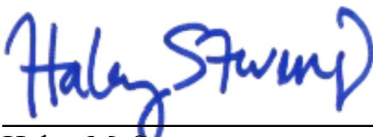
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