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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
 Chair
 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
 Ranking Member
 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Don Beyer
 Chair
 Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
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The Honorable Brian Babin
 Ranking Member
 Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
 United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Lucas, Chair Beyer, and Ranking Member Babin,

Collectively, the undersigned organizations represent hundreds of space industry companies, thousands of scientists and engineers, tens of thousands of individual members, and over a million aerospace workers across the United States. We urge Congress to pass a bipartisan, comprehensive NASA authorization bill to guide our Nation’s aeronautics, exploration, space science, technology, and STEM education programs into the 2020s.

NASA was last authorized by Congress in 2017 and, in addition to the necessity of extending expiring authorities, there have been a series of new developments since that time that would benefit from the definition, guidance, and support a 2022 bipartisan NASA authorization would provide. Based on the contours of past authorizations, NASA has developed the Artemis program; begun the commercial low Earth orbit destinations program; developed numerous inspirational science missions, including the Mars Perseverance rover and the James Webb Space Telescope; developed a comprehensive Earth observation plan to greatly increase our understanding of climate change; expanded the space technology research and development portfolio; started launching American astronauts from American soil on American rockets to the International Space Station (ISS), providing needed dissimilar redundancy to the world’s crewed transportation to the ISS; and grown the aeronautics portfolio to include revolutionary new experimental aircraft set to fly in the coming year. A new authorization will

provide clear bipartisan direction to build from these developments and set the stage for the next decade of accomplishments.

While some organizations on this letter may provide their own additional specific priorities for a NASA Authorization, all agree a new NASA Authorization is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association
American Astronautical Society
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
The Computing Technology Industry Association
The Planetary Society
Space Foundation

Aerospace States Association
American Composites Manufacturers Association
Coalition for Deep Space Exploration
National Security Space Association
Satellite Industry Association
Universities Space Research Association