

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
Acting Administrator, NASA
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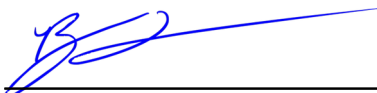
Dear Secretary Duffy, Secretary Meink, and Administrator Bedford:

We write regarding your efforts to enable SpaceX's Starship to operate at a high rate from Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) within Kennedy Space Center starting in 2026 and Space Launch Complex 37 (SLC-37) within Cape Canaveral Space Force Station starting in 2027. As you know, Starship directly supports critical NASA and national security priorities, including safely landing Americans on the Moon before China and expanding broadband access to millions of Americans. Starship's fully reusable architecture positions the United States to establish a permanent crewed presence on the Moon and ultimately Mars. These operations will principally occur from Florida, fostering a boom in the local economy with billions of dollars of investment and thousands of new high-paying jobs across our state.

Your work to integrate these operations into the Cape Canaveral spaceport and into the National Airspace System (NAS) will ensure continued American leadership in space. According to SpaceX, the test campaign that you and commercial partners have performed validates that LOX/Methane vehicle systems like Starship can operate concurrently without any disruption to other companies or to U.S. Government assets. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) continues to safely and effectively integrate Starship flights—and other rockets—into the National Airspace System (NAS).

According to the FAA, during Starship's tenth test flight on August 26, FAA reopened affected airspace within nine minutes—less time than most Florida summer thunderstorms—with no disruption to air traffic, an incredible achievement made possible through your effective tactical management and broad coordination. We are confident that FAA will continue to responsibly and efficiently manage these operations as Starship flights begin in Florida. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this important matter, consistent with applicable statute and agency guidelines

Sincerely,



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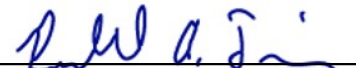
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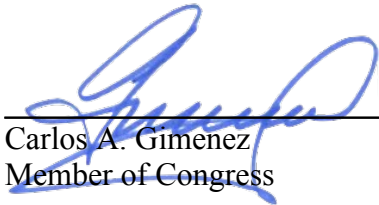
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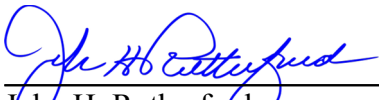
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