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The Honorable Donald Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your efforts to put our Nation on a path to return to the Moon -- and then to Mars! You have truly reignited the aviation and space fire that burns so bright in Ohio. We are proud that Ohio is the birthplace, home, and future of aerospace.

I am pleased to offer the Dayton, Ohio region as home to the permanent Headquarters of the U.S. Space Command and extend to you our full cooperation and collaboration. Our goal is to develop dramatically improved interrelationships to support our national space strategy. As such, our Nation would benefit greatly by the synergies of a co-location of U.S. Space Command Headquarters with the Air Force Research Laboratory, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, the Air Force Institute of Technology, and the Air Force Materiel Command. Further, Ohio is also home to the NASA Glenn Research Center and NASA Plum Brook Station, as well as the Battelle Memorial Institute. Just as our Nation leads the world in aerospace research and development, these national laboratories also lead our Nation.

Ohio possesses a strong track record in populating science-rich jobs with a superior workforce. I also recommend that Secretary Esper strongly consider the consolidation of space intelligence activities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the establishment of the Space Development Agency's mission in Ohio, thereby taking advantage of our Air Force research, intelligence and acquisition expertise, and our NASA Glenn facilities in Cleveland and Plum Brook.

The State of Ohio is fully committed to being a key partner in the national aerospace mission. Ohio led this nation into the "air age" of the early 20th Century, and we have every desire to lead us into the "aerospace age" of the 21st Century! Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you in pursuing this goal.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor