

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable JD Vance
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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The Honorable Jared Isaacman
Administrator Designate
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 Hidden Figures Way, SW
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Dear Vice President Vance and Administrator Designate Isaacman,

We write to you today regarding a significant opportunity to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by relocating NASA Headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Ohio.

It has come to our attention that NASA has been quietly evaluating potential alternatives to its current headquarters location, and the upcoming lease expiration in 2028 provides an opportune moment to make a strategic shift. As members of Congress, we strongly support moving NASA Headquarters to Ohio for the following reasons:

1. **Cost Savings and Efficiency:** Cleveland, home to NASA Glenn Research Center, offers a significantly lower cost of living and operating expenses than Washington, D.C. Relocating NASA HQ to Ohio would result in substantial savings for taxpayers while maintaining access to world-class aerospace research and development resources.
2. **Strategic Alignment:** The move aligns with broader efforts to decentralize federal agencies and reinvigorate regions outside the Beltway. Ohio is the birthplace of aviation, the heart of America's aerospace industry, and a critical hub for advanced technology, research, and manufacturing. Placing NASA HQ in the "Heart of it All" would reinforce our national leadership in space exploration and aeronautics innovation.
3. **Optimized Workforce and Facility Utilization:** Given that very few NASA HQ employees currently work in-office, consolidating operations near an existing NASA field center would streamline agency functions while ensuring continued access to necessary infrastructure. NASA Glenn Research Center and its Lewis Field site at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport offer extensive office space and redevelopment opportunities, making them ideal locations to accommodate NASA HQ operations.
4. **Support for Workforce Modernization Goals:** The incoming administration has signaled a commitment to reshaping the federal workforce by moving administrative

agencies out of Washington, D.C., promoting a return-to-office culture, and improving government efficiency. A relocation of NASA HQ aligns with these objectives by encouraging in-person collaboration while reducing unnecessary federal overhead costs.

While we recognize that other states, including Florida, Alabama, and Texas, may pursue similar proposals, Ohio presents a uniquely advantageous case due to its rich aerospace heritage, lower operational costs, and central role in the nation's technology and defense sectors. Ohio is the historical home of aviation and ideally suited to lead NASA into the next frontier of both Aeronautics functions and Space Exploration as you lead this agency through its remarkable transformation.

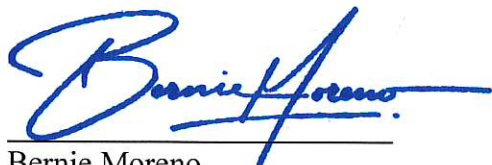
In light of these compelling factors, we respectfully urge this Administration and NASA leadership to formally consider Ohio as the new home for NASA Headquarters. We request that you engage in further dialogue with congressional representatives and state leaders to evaluate this proposal and outline next steps for implementation.

We appreciate your attention to this critical issue and look forward to working together to ensure NASA's continued success in the 21st century and securing the future of Aeronautics research in Ohio.

Sincerely,



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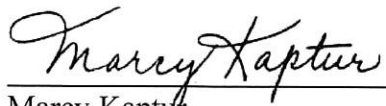
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