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Mr. Jonathan Corso
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Economic Development Administration
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Dear Mr. Corso:

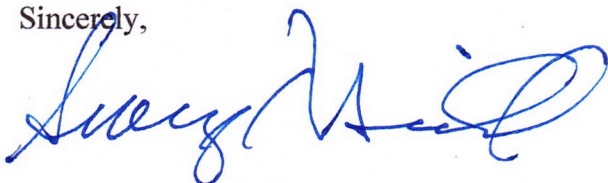
A July 2021 report commissioned by the Pentagon's Defense Innovation Unit reported that spaceport access is vital for the U.S. to continue to lead in space exploration. The report, authored by Quilty Analytics, specifically stated, "Our nation's continued leadership in space may well be determined by whether U.S. launch capacity can be expanded rapidly enough to meet anticipated demand."

The authors further noted that the FAA is working to streamline launch and reentry licensing requirements and better coordinate airspace restrictions, which should "support a two- to three-fold increase in the annual launch cadence." However, even with this increase in launch capacity, they found that **"the U.S. will still remain precariously dependent on a handful of key spaceports – a dependency that, if not resolved, will undermine U.S. interests strategically and commercially in the next decade."**

On behalf of the Global Spaceport Alliance, I unequivocally concur with the conclusion of this report. Without new vertical launch sites - like the site under development by Camden County, Georgia - America's leadership in space, particularly in commercial space flight, will be challenged. Having undergone nearly a decade of environmental and regulatory review, Spaceport Camden is a shovel-ready project, and it is expected to receive its launch site operator license from the FAA in 2021. No other proposed launch site in the United States offers more promise than Spaceport Camden to alleviate the growing demands on America's Eastern Range.

The Global Spaceport Alliance strongly supports aggressive and immediate investment in Spaceport Camden to ensure America's continued leadership in space exploration.

Sincerely,



Dr. George C. Nield
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