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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

In April, you announced a historic commitment by your administration to science, technology, research and STEM education. I lead an organization that is very grateful for that commitment.

I write on behalf of Aerospace States Association (ASA), a nonpartisan organization of lieutenant governors and other top-ranking leaders from every state who represent states' interests in aerospace.

My purpose in writing is to request that you support the intent of H. CON. RES. 167, which is currently in the House, by issuing a Presidential Proclamation for the observance of National Aerospace Day, to be held on September 16, 2009.

The goal of National Aerospace Day is to formally recognize the contributions of the aerospace industry as a vital engine that defends our nation, drives our economy, and provides Americans with highly paid jobs. In 2007, it generated \$199 billion in sales for the U.S. economy. It employed over 645,600 Americans in highly paid jobs in every state across our nation. The aerospace industry generated a record trade surplus of \$60.4 billion, generated from a total \$97 billion in exports. Our national security, our economic vitality, and our national mobility rely on a strong aerospace sector.

From the first flight by the Wright Brothers, to the landing of Apollo on the moon, to our commercial airline infrastructure, to the remarkable feat of engineering that is the International Space Station, our nation's aerospace industry has been a key player in our economy, transportation system, national security and as an inspiration to our young people to become our next generation of engineers and scientists.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of our proclamation request.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Dubie".

Brian Dubie
Lt. Governor, State of Vermont
Chair, Aerospace States Association

Enclosure