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Dear Mr. Klain and Ms. Flournoy,

For over 60 years, U.S. government and private sector investments in space programs have showcased American innovation, ambition, and accomplishment on the worldwide stage. Space is inextricably linked to our economic prosperity, U.S. national security, understanding of our planet, and everyday American life. As our nation becomes increasingly reliant on space for these endeavors and future technological challenges, the interconnectivity of our three space sectors – civil, commercial, and national security – requires public policies and investment rooted in a whole of government approach.

The National Space Council and its Users' Advisory Group provide that approach, coordinating across the entire government to shape our national space program with critical stakeholder input. Maintaining a White House-level focus on space will provide stability and continuity to the United States' space endeavors, enabling historic exploration and scientific achievement, continued U.S. space industry global leadership, and enhanced national security. Harnessing the space sector's capabilities will help fuel our economic recovery, help solve the climate crisis, and build the diverse 21st century education system and workforce that America needs and deserves. We strongly encourage the Biden Administration to continue the National Space Council and Users' Advisory Group.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association American Astronautical Society Commercial Spaceflight Federation Explore Mars, Inc. Intelligence and National Security Alliance Satellite Industry Association Space Florida The Coalition for Deep Space Exploration U.S. Chamber of Commerce Aerospace States Association American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics CompTIA GPS Innovation Alliance National Security Space Association SmallSat Alliance Space & Satellite Professionals International Universities Space Research Association