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GOVERNOR

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is to thank you for your leadership in establishing the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as a Unified Combatant Command and to formally request USSPACECOM be headquartered in Florida.

As the most military friendly state in the country with a fast-growing commercial aerospace industry, Florida is the ideal location for USSPACECOM. In addition to an already-existing infrastructure and a highly trained workforce, Florida has enduring partnerships with both the Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Florida is home to several important and strategic facilities and Air Force bases, including the Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Eglin Air Force Base in Valparaiso and Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, which currently provides space launch operations support through the 45th Space Wing. As noted by Vice President Pence in his December 18, 2018, address at KSC, "... for more than seven decades, the 45th Space Wing and your predecessors have made America the dominant power in the depths of space."

Since our first rocket launch at Cape Canaveral in 1950, Florida has served as the launchpad of our country's achievements in space. With your assistance, we look forward to continue serving in that role.

I commend your efforts to invest in national defense and your resolve to build the U.S. Space Force. Florida stands by you, Mr. President, as we work to secure America's position as the dominant force in space.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor