

FROM: CO Aerospace
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TO: Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper:

We join you in advocating for Colorado as the permanent home of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters. Colorado’s dynamic aerospace ecosystem is the force multiplier in our ability to deliver innovation to our national defense and space missions. Colorado is our chosen home because of the proximity to one another and to the defense missions. The aerospace industry draws a talent pool, provides access to robust University research, and allows for daily interactions with mission partners.

Collaboration is the normal here. Proximity accelerates our ability to innovate. With Colorado home to GPS, Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS), and the Wideband Global Satellite Communications Systems (WGS) as well the Space Force guardians and the provisional headquarters of the U.S. Space Command, we compete and collaborate every day to find applicable solutions. As many have learned during the last two years, while solutions exist to connect remote stakeholders, it is seldom as effective as face-to-face collaboration.

“As a young, Colorado aerospace company with capabilities that can support the warfighter, being close to U.S. Space Command allows us to better interact with the end-user to iterate and deliver at the pace of a start-up,” says William Kowalski, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Atomos Space.

We do business in Colorado because of the dynamic environment that draws talent, and spurs University research that in turn delivers innovators. It takes this type of ecosystem to foster the people who understand and can deliver the physics of the GPS timing signal, the systems operation and coordination of our satellites and the civilians who build, operate, and maintain the information that goes to the warfighter. The competition is fierce for this talent. Colorado offers a quality of life that allows our aerospace companies to attract that talent, bar none.

“Colorado’s historic aerospace industry and the innovative drive of its entrepreneurs make it the right choice for the DoD’s future space aspiration,” says Jeff Max, CEO of Agile Space Industries.

We express our support for the basing of space defense missions in Colorado. We ask for your support to bring greater civilian, intelligence, and defense aerospace opportunities to Colorado, and we offer our experience to help guide policy changes that will keep pace with the innovations we promise to deliver.

Sincerely,

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