

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 29, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Donovan
Acting Secretary of the Air Force
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

General John W. Raymond
Commander, U.S. Space Command
Peterson Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan and General Raymond:

As the bipartisan Colorado delegation, we write to congratulate you on the creation of U.S. Space Command. This is an important step to advance the security of our nation and to address emerging and transforming threats in space. We also write to reiterate our strong support from a letter we sent in March regarding the reestablishment of U.S. Space Command in Colorado.

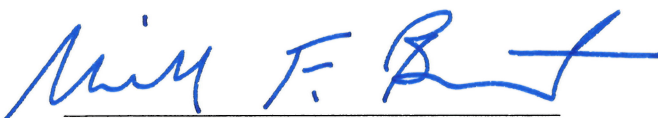
As the epicenter of national security space, Colorado is the prime location to house national efforts to ensure continued U.S. technological superiority, global leadership, and capabilities in space. As home to Air Force Space Command, Schriever Air Force Base (AFB), Buckley AFB, Peterson AFB, the National Space Defense Center, U.S. Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Colorado provides the existing command structure, infrastructure, and communications platforms necessary to host additional national security space initiatives and ensure coordination of efforts. Additionally, our state ranks first in the nation in its concentration of aerospace jobs and has the nation's largest aerospace economy on a per capita basis.

The presence of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs also strengthens the mission for space superiority through the development of our next generation of space leaders and essential research and development driven by the evolving challenges in space.

Throughout the basing process, the Colorado community has demonstrated continued support for U.S. Space Command, further augmenting the workforce talent, innovation in industry, institutions of higher education, national labs, and unparalleled quality of life Colorado already provides.

We welcome your leadership and are certain you will see the unmatched potential Colorado has to offer U.S. Space Command as the nexus of national security space, industry, workforce, and innovation.

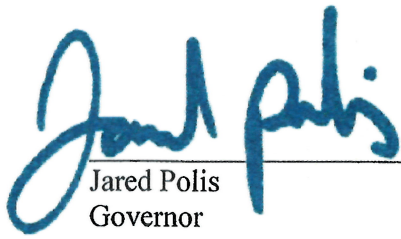
Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
U.S. Senator



Cory Gardner
U.S. Senator



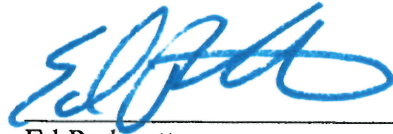
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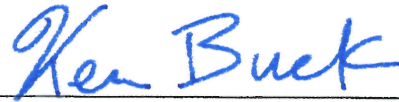
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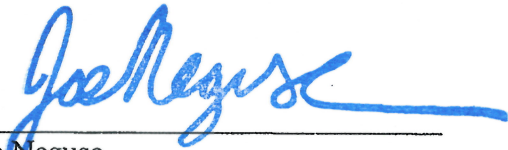
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