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The White House  
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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris  
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Dear Mr. President and Madam Vice President,

On behalf of the nearly 450,000 Service Members of the National Guard, we respectfully ask that you establish a Space National Guard (SNG). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) opposes a SNG and recently directed the Department of Defense (DoD) to prepare for the voluntary transfer of National Guard members currently performing space missions to a yet-to-be-established "Space Component." OMB's actions are a mistake.

For over 27 years, National Guard Space Professionals have provided critical space capabilities that support the National Defense Strategy. OMB's opposition to establishing a SNG and directive to transfer current National Guard space missions to an unestablished "Space Component" will create a 7–10 year gap in the capabilities Air National Guard Space Units provide today. Our nation cannot afford to hamstring the readiness of its Space Operations in the decisive decade ahead.

OMB's opposition to a Space National Guard is based upon a demonstrated misunderstanding of the facts. Citing a 2020 Congressional Budget Office Report that ignored Air Force data and incorrectly presumed every state and territory would have Space National Guard units, OMB's projected cost of creating the SNG was vastly inflated. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) estimates the one-time cost to be \$250,000 for heraldry, uniform items, and the transfer of existing manpower and resources from ANG Space units to the new SNG. This cost is dwarfed by the estimated one-time cost of over \$644M to move all ANG Space missions to the U.S. Space Force (USSF).

OMB's argument that DoD space missions currently performed by members of the National Guard are solely Federal missions ignores the constitutional framework of our military. It misunderstands the operational nature of the National Guard. In keeping with the Constitution's rejection of a large, standing military, the National Guard exists as the primary combat reserve of the Army and Air Force. Just as Army and Air Guard members fly fighter jets and attack helicopters, drive tanks, and neutralize the enemy

with artillery, cannon, and rocket fire to support their federal warfighting missions, Space National Guard members would support USSF missions – just as they do today.

Finally, establishing a Space National Guard has a groundswell of bipartisan support. On February 16, 2023, Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced the Space National Guard Establishment Act, a bipartisan bill to create a Space National Guard. In addition to Senators Feinstein and Rubio, the bill is cosponsored by Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Rick Scott (R-FL), Mike Braun (R-IN) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ). This is the second time Senators Feinstein and Rubio have introduced this SNG legislation.

Companion legislation was included in the last two House NDAs and is again being introduced in the House by Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO).

Mr. President, at this critical juncture of Space Operations, our National Defense and the capabilities our Nation provides our allies and partners call for establishing the Space National Guard. We respectfully request that you direct OMB to work with DoD, USSF, and NGB leadership to create it expeditiously.

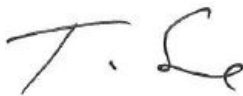
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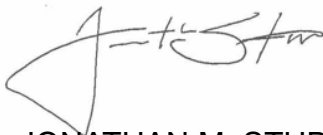
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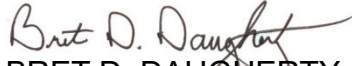
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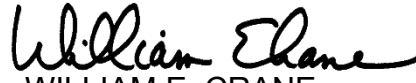
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