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Honorable Kevin Wolf
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 3886C
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Wolf:

I am writing to request the participation and support of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation in the initiation of an industrial base survey of the U.S. Space Industrial Base. The purpose of this comprehensive survey and resulting database would be to fully understand the complicated industrial supply chain which supports the development of products and services across the four main space sectors -- defense, intelligence community, civil and commercial.

The creation of one comprehensive database to benchmark the space industry will provide needed information for the approximately 18 federal agencies that procure space-related products and services while at the same time lessen the burden on industry respondents. These agencies will then be able to effectively analyze the health and competitiveness of their respective segments of the U.S. Space industrial base. Over the longer term, agencies will be better informed to develop targeted planning and acquisition strategies to ensure the ability of the industry to support critical defense and civil missions and programs.

For the purposes of conducting this survey, the Air Force, with funding support from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is prepared to enter into a project Interagency Agreement with BIS. The Air Force and NASA will also provide technical support as needed to develop the requested industry survey and final database.

I will lead this effort for the Air Force. I can be reached at 703.253.1313 or Deborah.Peeler@pentagon.af.mil. We look forward to working with BIS on this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. T. Peeler".

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cc:
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