

November 22, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chair, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell,

We, the undersigned former NASA Astronauts, write again to express our continued support for the confirmation of Jared Isaacman as the next Administrator of NASA.

Having dedicated our careers and lives to support NASA and space exploration, we are deeply concerned about the Agency's future. It is critical that NASA maintains its position as the preeminent space development organization. Our nation is at a turning point where we face international competition from China and we are increasingly cognizant of the geopolitical importance of space. It is crucial that we have a NASA Administrator who champions and delivers the kind of revolutionary advancements in space that only NASA can achieve while also fully leveraging the capabilities and opportunities presented by a rapidly advancing commercial space sector and the steady international support from our partner nations.

We believe that Jared Isaacman is clearly qualified to lead NASA at this critical juncture. As an entrepreneur, pilot, and commander of two groundbreaking space missions, he brings credibility and capability to make a difference now. Most importantly, Jared has a genuine passion for space exploration and a genuine admiration for NASA as an American institution. He will bring renewed energy and sense of purpose to NASA.

NASA is facing many challenges right now including the rapidly approaching launch of the Artemis II mission. We therefore urge the Senate to move expeditiously towards Mr. Isaacman's confirmation.

Thank you for your attention. We appreciate your commitment to ensuring NASA has the vision, expertise, and leadership necessary to advance America's space ambitions.

Sincerely,

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