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Honorable Bart Gordon, Chairman
Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Ralph Hall, Ranking Member
Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Gordon and Ranking Member Hall:

On behalf of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and our 8,000 members across the nation, I would like express our support for H.R. 6063, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008. We commend the Committee for its work in developing this important legislation.

NBAA appreciates the Committee's efforts to enhance Aeronautics programs within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), including the Aeronautics Research and Development Mission Directorate (ARMD).

NBAA and our members also share the Committee's commitment to enhance aviation safety, promote environmental research and further support NASA's vital role in our national efforts to develop and deploy the Next Generation ("NextGen") aviation system. The ongoing transition to "NextGen" relies on new satellite technologies. The research and development activities at NASA are central to expediting the modernization of our air traffic control system.

NBAA looks forward to working with you in the months ahead to finalize this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Bolen", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ed Bolen
President and CEO