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June 30, 2020

The Honorable John Henderson  
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330-1670

**Subject: United States Space Command Basing Nomination**

Dear Secretary Henderson:

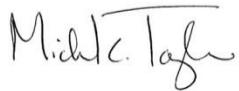
On behalf of the people of Sterling Heights, Michigan, I am submitting our nomination for consideration to host the headquarters for United States Space Command. Michigan is a national leader in innovation and is known as the “Arsenal of Democracy.” Adding the headquarters for the United States Space Command to the existing arsenal would be logical, relevant, and functional. Michigan has the industrial base, elite academic institutions, skilled manpower, strategic geographic location, and military infrastructure capacity to be a key component for future United States Space Forces.

After careful review of the screening and evaluation criteria, we believe Sterling Heights, Macomb County, and Selfridge Air National Guard Base exceed all eligibility requirements and would earn a very competitive score when assessed against the evaluation criteria. Selfridge ANGB sits just 15 miles from Sterling Heights, a major epicenter for aerospace, defense, and automotive activity and ingenuity. Macomb County will be able to welcome staff and their families, as the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn region is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Metropolitan Statistical Areas; and Sterling Heights in Macomb County can provide a high quality of life for the United States Space Command workforce with a livability score of 53 as determined by the American Association of Retired Persons Public Policy Institute.

Further, Selfridge ANGB is home to the largest Air Force Base in the Reserve Component with all the amenities of an Active Component Installation. Therefore, we would like to work with your team through the evaluation phase in the coming months.

Our direct point of contact for this action is Michael Taylor, Mayor of Sterling Heights and can be reached at 586-446-2305.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Taylor  
Mayor, Sterling Heights



Mark Hackel  
Executive, Macomb County

I hereby endorse the nomination from Sterling Heights to host the Headquarters for United States Space Command.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan