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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Collins, Chair Cole, Ranking Member Murray, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write to urge your Committees to include language in any Continuing Resolution (CR) that protects NASA and its workers from devastating cuts which the administration is attempting to impose without Congressional approval. We appreciate your support for NASA thus far in your committees' Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) appropriations bills, and we urge further support and protection for NASA's science projects and missions as you negotiate any CR and continue the broader FY26 appropriations process.

The United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Region 6 has a proud history of supporting aerospace and research workers on the U.S. west coast and nationwide. Currently, tens of thousands of UAW-represented workers are supported directly by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and carry out sponsored research at institutions such as the University of Alaska, University of Washington, Western Washington University, Washington State University, University of Oregon, University of California, California State University, California Institute of Technology, and the University of Southern California. In addition, we are supporting thousands of currently unrepresented workers who are organizing UAW at major space science centers such as the Jet Propulsion Lab/Caltech and the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab/UC. Because NASA funding also intersects with the private and public aerospace industry, it indirectly impacts hundreds of UAW represented manufacturing workers in southern California and beyond. NASA's work not only supports the workers we represent but also benefits our communities. In 2024, NASA's estimated economic impact in UAW Region 6 totaled \$20,821,675,000, which includes \$18,593,591,000 in California.

It is therefore with great urgency that we urge you to support NASA projects and missions in this year's appropriations process and protect against attempts by this administration to impose devastating cuts on NASA without Congressional approval. On September 29, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, released a new Democratic staff [report](#) demonstrating that the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been directing NASA to begin implementing cuts included in President Trump's budget request (PBR) for FY26, prior to Congress enacting a final FY26 budget for NASA through the Congressional appropriations process. This echoes serious concerns that have been raised by many in Congress, including Representatives Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18) and Valerie Foushee (D-NC-04) (see July 16, 2025 [letter](#)) as well as Representatives Don Bacon (R-NE-02) and Judy Chu (D-CA-28) and others (see September 15, 2025 [letter](#)).

Under your leadership, Congress - the only branch of government with legal authority to appropriate - has marked up Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) appropriations bills in the House and the Senate, both of which appropriate more funding for NASA than the PBR and largely reject the proposed termination of dozens of critical NASA science missions. While there are of course discrepancies between the House and Senate bills, both are more consistent with our nation's historic support for research and space science than the PBR. If OMB is allowed to enact cuts based only on a *proposal* by the President, this would constitute a direct attack not only on our nation's commitment to aerospace science but on the rule of law and separation of powers. This cannot be allowed to stand and requires our collective swift reaction.

We therefore urge you to include language in any Continuing Resolution (CR) requiring NASA apportionments at FY25 rates and explicitly preventing the Trump administration from implementing cuts, terminating missions, or otherwise preventing missions and projects from proceeding under the CR. Furthermore, we appreciate that your committees have largely rejected the proposed mission terminations and devastating cuts requested by the President in your FY26 CJS bills and we urge you to ensure that NASA can continue to lead the world in aerospace science by appropriating \$7.3 billion for NASA Science in FY26, as is included in the Senate's bill.

We appreciate your historic support for NASA and the workers it supports and sustains. In this moment of great need we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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