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Join the Senate Aerospace Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We cordially invite you to join the newly formed United States Senate Aerospace Caucus. The Senate Aerospace Caucus is comprised of Senators who have a strong interest in public policy issues affecting the aerospace community. The goal of this bipartisan organization is to serve as a catalyst for Senators, personal/professional staff members, and aerospace industry representatives to dissect major issues that may impact innovation in our nation's space, civil aviation, and defense sectors. The Senate Aerospace Caucus will ensure a strong, secure and competitive America. Emphasis on education, workforce development, industrial base competitiveness, and acquisition oversight are mission critical focus areas of the caucus.

As you know, Congress plays a critical role in keeping America at the technological forefront in all aspects of the aerospace sector. As the United States Senate and House of Representatives continue to elevate aerospace and defense issues by holding important hearings, passing key legislation, or appropriating funds, the Senate Aerospace Caucus will help shape the discussion on where the aerospace community should be headed. The caucus will be a highly visible, proactive, and a solution-oriented organization ensuring academia; industry; and government are in step with programs and policies which will support a robust aerospace economic sector of our economy.

The aerospace industry delivers \$95 billion in exports with a \$57 billion trade surplus – and has remained a pillar of our economy even through these tough economic times – in all 50 states. Thus, we urge all members of the United States Senate to join us in the formation of this most important caucus. Together, we will ensure the preservation of our nation's intellectual capital and high paying jobs within the aerospace sector.

Please join us in recognizing the important role Aerospace plays across the United States. For more information or to join the Senate Aerospace Caucus, contact Mike Dubois with Senator Christopher Bond at mike_dubois@bond.senate.gov (4-5721) or Carrie Desmond with Senator Patty Murray at carrie_desmond@murray.senate.gov (4-2621).

Respectfully,



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