

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Acting Administrator
NASA Headquarters
300 E St., SW
Washington, DC 20546

Dear Acting Administrator Duffy,

We are writing to express our strong and unified support for NASA's selection of **NASA Glenn Research Center** in Cleveland, Ohio, as the lead developer of the **Fission Surface Power (FSP) system**, a critical element of the Artemis program and America's return to the Moon. NASA Glenn's deep expertise in space-based power systems and its world-class facilities make it exceptionally well-positioned to lead this mission. The center's legacy of innovation, combined with Ohio's unmatched industrial base and academic partners, provide a solid foundation for success.

As the **birthplace of aviation** and some of America's most celebrated astronauts, Ohio is the ideal location for this critical work. Its unique and historic contributions to aviation and space exploration inspire and ground NASA's mission here, creating a culture deeply rooted in innovation and space exploration. Furthermore, Ohio's central geographic location, robust infrastructure, and thriving aerospace community position it to function as a vital hub for NASA's ongoing leadership in space. NASA Glenn already serves as a critical center of excellence, and its expanding role in programs like Fission Surface Power highlights the potential for it to function as a de facto NASA headquarters for power and propulsion innovation.

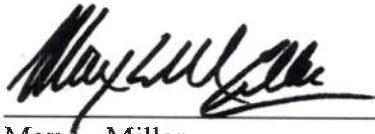
As the global space race accelerates—with **China and Russia advancing their own lunar exploration efforts**—it is essential that the United States act boldly and decisively. Developing and deploying a domestic, nuclear-powered energy system on the Moon sends a clear message: **the U.S. intends not only to return to the Moon, but to stay there.** Fission Surface Power is essential to maintaining a long-term American presence, supporting surface operations, enabling lunar habitation, and eventually serving as a stepping-stone to Mars. This initiative aligns not only with NASA's scientific goals, but also with our national interest in ensuring U.S. leadership in space for decades to come.

We urge continued support for this program—through stable funding, interagency coordination, regulatory clarity, and meaningful partnerships with industry and academia. Moreover, as you consider how to allocate the overall workload for FSP among NASA centers, we urge you to prioritize NASA Glenn. Placing the lion's share of FSP-related funding and personnel under one roof will cut costs, accelerate research and development, and deliver a better final product for our astronauts.

We want to sincerely thank you for your vision and leadership in selecting NASA Glenn Research Center to lead the development of the Fission Surface Power system. Ohio has long been committed to NASA's mission, and we are proud to see our state play such a vital role in this transformative initiative. We stand ready to support you and NASA Glenn as this vital work moves forward.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to advancing America's future in space.

Sincerely,



Max L. Miller
Member of Congress



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United States Senator



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Member of Congress



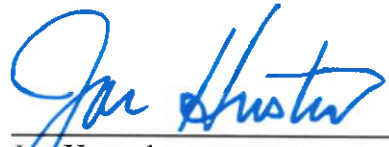
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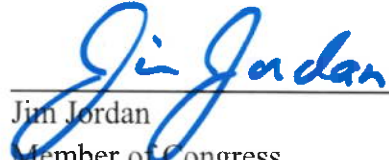
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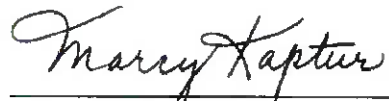
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