



March 18, 2025

The Honorable JD Vance
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Jared Isaacman
Administrator Nominee
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 Hidden Figure Way, SW
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Vice President Vance and Administrator Nominee Isaacman,

As Cuyahoga County Executive, I am writing to respectfully advocate for the consideration of NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, as the future headquarters of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). As a key location for the nation's space exploration efforts, NASA Glenn is uniquely positioned to play a central role in the future of American space exploration, and I believe it would be an ideal site for the agency's headquarters.

NASA Glenn has long been a critical hub for aerospace and space research. Its location in Cuyahoga County places it at the heart of the Aerozone innovation corridor, with proximity to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, top universities, research institutions, advanced manufacturing facilities and more than 150 acres of land available for development and redevelopment. The center is home to some of NASA's most advanced technologies, including research on propulsion systems, aeronautics, and space exploration. Locating NASA's headquarters at NASA Glenn would not only honor the history of space research and exploration but also support continued growth in the region's aerospace sector, creating jobs, driving economic development, and advancing scientific innovation in Ohio.

Known as the "Birthplace of Astronauts", Ohio has a storied legacy in space exploration. In Sandusky, Ohio, the Neil Armstrong Test Facility serves as the test facility for NASA Glenn with more than 6,400 acres of world-class test facilities, including the Space Environments Complex (SEC) with the Space Simulation Chamber, Reverberant Test Facility, and Mechanical Vibration Facility. The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio is home to the Air Force Research Laboratory, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center and the National Space Intelligence Center.

Beyond these technical, historical, and locational considerations, the decision to place NASA's headquarters at NASA Glenn would strategically enhance the agency's ability to engage with its key partners in government, industry, and academia. Ohio offers a well-established network for

collaboration and innovation, and the state is home to a thriving ecosystem of businesses dedicated to advanced technologies and space exploration.

I respectfully urge you to consider the tremendous potential of NASA Glenn as the future headquarters for NASA. It would be a powerful step forward in reinforcing America's leadership in space exploration while simultaneously enhancing the growth of Cuyahoga County's critical aerospace and technology sectors.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive