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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 President of the Cleveland City Council, I am writing to add my voice to the bi-partisan effort to advocate for the consideration of NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, as the future headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Orville and Wilbur Wright, the Dayton-Ohio brothers were the first to fly a heavier-than-air, power-controlled machine, thus ensuring that America would command the air. Ohio is the birthplace of aviation.

And NASA Glenn, named after a great Ohioan and astronaut John Glenn, is known for its research and development in aeronautics and space exploration, particularly in areas like jet engine technology, space propulsion, and supporting human and robotic missions.

Locating NASA's headquarters at NASA Glenn would honor the history of space research and exploration, but just as important it would align with the Administration's efforts to decentralize federal agencies. Greater Cleveland offers a significantly lower cost of living and operating expenses than Washington D.C. while providing access to world-class aerospace research and development resources. Consolidating operations near an existing NASA center streamlines agency functions and saves money. This location puts 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.

Plus NASA's headquarters in Cleveland, would capitalize on the synergy between the Air Force Research Laboratory, Air Force Material Command, commercial space companies testing at the Neil Armstrong Test Facility in nearby Sandusky.

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 believe these are compelling arguments to consider Ohio the new home for NASA Headquarters.

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

Sincerely,

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