

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Barrett
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Barrett,

We write to you today to express our strong support for the selection of Vandenberg Air Force Base as the permanent location for U.S. Space Command headquarters.

Vandenberg's existing space-related missions and assets, along with its proximity to the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, would offer Space Command unique and unparalleled advantages.

The base supports space situational awareness through the Combined Space Operations Center and serves as the West Coast launch site for the Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and private partners. Vandenberg also serves a critical role in our homeland defense through its Missile Defense Agency capabilities.

In addition, the region offers a highly qualified workforce for aerospace engineering. California is a proven leader in the technology industry and the Central Coast is home to multiple world class research universities. Ultimately, Vandenberg offers an unparalleled talent pool to defend our national interests in space.

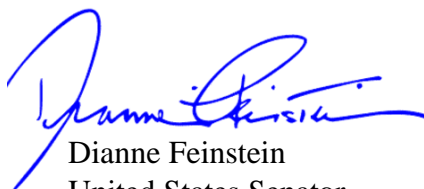
In 2019, the Air Force announced that Vandenberg was one of six locations selected as candidate bases to host Space Command. Since then, support within the region has only grown and our community is eager to welcome the Command to California. We are pleased to include with this letter statements of support from stakeholders, spanning from elected officials to leaders in business and education.

Thank you for the consideration and we urge you to give Vandenberg all due consideration when selecting the future home for Space Command.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator