

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force
3000 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Wilson,

We write to express our strong support for locating US Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). Vandenberg's existing space-related missions and assets, as well as its proximity to the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) and numerous contractors who support the nation's national security space enterprise, including space operations, offer Space Command unique and unparalleled advantages.

Vandenberg Air Force Base currently supports West coast launch activities for the Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and various private partners. It also supports space situational awareness through the Combined Space Operations Center, contributes to homeland defense through its Missile Defense Agency capabilities and hosts classified work with the National Reconnaissance Office.

Vandenberg is also proximate to the SMC at Los Angeles Air Force Base. As you know, SMC is charged with developing and delivering the nation's space assets, and it does so by working with numerous industry partners located nearby. Ultimately, California hosts the nation's premier workforce for aerospace engineering and innovation, which would offer Space Command an unparalleled talent pool for defending our national interests in space.

We appreciate the Air Force considering Vandenberg Air Force Base as a potential home for Space Command and look forward to the conclusion of the selection process.

Sincerely,


SALUD CARBAJAL
Member of Congress


DIANNE FEINSTEIN
United States Senator


KAMALA D. HARRIS
United States Senator