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The Honorable Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Elwell:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of Spaceport Camden in my home state of Georgia. As you know, Spaceport Camden is a proposed vertical launch facility in Camden County located in extreme southeast Georgia. If approved, Spaceport Camden will be the only purely commercial vertical launch facility on the east coast.

Spaceport Camden is incredibly important to the economy of Georgia. Aerospace components are the number one export from our state, and Georgia Tech is the number two ranked aerospace engineering program in the country. Yet despite these core competencies we are missing out of the burgeoning commercial space industry. Georgia claims just 1/10 of 1 percent of the \$330 billion global space economy, an economy projected to be worth \$3 trillion in the next 30 years. Spaceport Camden is the catalyst Georgia needs to claim a share in this growing market.

Besides being an important economic engine for Georgia, Spaceport Camden is also good public policy. The Trump Administration had the foresight to reconvene the National Space Council and develop a National Space Strategy to streamline commercial space regulations. These regulatory reforms are critical to ensuring American companies remain world leaders in space technology. But streamlining commercial space regulations will not hasten space innovation if we do not also increase launch capacity, particularly vertical launch capacity on the east coast.

I am an unabashed promoter of space. America's renewed interest in space innovation, and investment that is powering the commercial space industry cannot be wasted. There is too much at stake.

Thank you for work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Newt".

Newt Gingrich