



June 2, 2019

Congressman Salud Carbajal
1431 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Carbajal,

We write today representing thousands of private sector leaders and 16 business advocacy organizations in California's 24th Congressional District. Our purpose in writing to you is to enthusiastically support your efforts and those of our community to do everything possible to ensure that the newly re-forming United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) is located at Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) CA. We stand ready to assist you in any way. We also request that you convey our support to the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, Hon. David L. Norquist; Secretary of the Air Force (and Principal DoD Space Advisor), Hon. Heather Wilson; Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General David L. Goldfein; and the Commander of Air Force Space Command, General John W. "Jay" Raymond.

We believe there are several compelling reasons that USSPACECOM should be housed at Vandenberg AFB. First, and of utmost importance to our communities, is that USSPACECOM will bring high-paying jobs and great economic benefit to our community. As well, the addition of this

command to Vandenberg AFB will help us attract more aerospace and space commerce companies and with them many other private head-of-household jobs.

In addition to the regional economic impact, we also believe that locating USSPACECOM at the Vandenberg AFB would meet both the national security and physical capacity/capability objectives of the program. It is better for our national security to separate (not co-locate) the space command, control and operations assets in Colorado.

Not only is the distribution of space assets good policy, but Vandenberg AFB already hosts 14th Air Force, the Joint Force Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command. This is the combatant commander's warfighting component for space, and it's already at Vandenberg AFB. Adding to this already significant USSPACECOM warfighting nexus, Vandenberg AFB has the Combined Space Operations Center (CSpOC), which is the combatant commander's and joint force commander's command and control capability for space.

Lastly, we believe Vandenberg AFB CA provides the best options for physical space and capability. There is currently available capacity on the base to fully bed-down USSPACECOM, ahead of any military construction (MILCON) initiatives that might take years and millions in capital expenditure at other possible sites in the United States. Vandenberg AFB also has a 15,000 foot runway, capable of supporting any military or commercial aircraft, which will be essential to supporting the combatant commander's mission.

On behalf of the Central Coast region, our thousands of our private sector leaders and 16 business advocacy organizations, we ask that you consider our full and unqualified support to bring USSPACECOM to Vandenberg AFB.

If our coalition of business and community organizations can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Melissa James, CEO, Hourglass Project, melissa@hourglassproject.org; 805.476.0412.



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