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Mr. Robert H. Steinau
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Office of Inspector General
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Washington, D.C., 20546

Dear Mr. Steinau,

Last month, I wrote to you along with my Democratic colleagues on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (“the Committee”) to request a formal audit by your office regarding NASA’s recent closures and relocations at the Goddard Space Flight Center.¹ I am following up on that request to provide you with additional information that will assist you in your work.

On November 4th, NASA provided a staff-level briefing to Democratic Committee staff regarding closures and relocations at Goddard. After that briefing, Democratic Committee staff submitted a series of follow-up questions to the agency. In response to those questions, the agency provided the Committee with a schedule of its planned “consolidation” activities through May 2026 at the main Goddard campus in Greenbelt, Maryland. I am now transmitting that schedule to your office along with this letter. While the schedule remains subject to change on an ongoing basis by Goddard and agency management, the information contained within describes the plan for relocation activities at the Greenbelt campus as it stood on November 14th, 2025. In addition to assisting with your review, I believe the document will emphasize the need for urgency in your efforts.

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology “shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities relating to nonmilitary research and development.”² The Committee possesses jurisdiction over the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as well as “astronautical

¹ <https://democrats-science.house.gov/news/press-releases/science-committee-democrats-request-inspector-general-audit-of-goddard-closures-and-relocations>.

² [119 First Session House Rules](#).

research and development, including resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities” and “outer space, including exploration and control thereof.”³

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Pamela Whitney or Josh Schneider with the Committee’s Minority staff at (202) 225-6375. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

CC: Chairman Brian Babin
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

³ [119 First Session House Rules](#).