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The Honorable Jared Isaacman
Administrator
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Washington, D.C., 20546

Dear Administrator Isaacman,

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."[1] The Committee possesses jurisdiction over the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as well as "astronautical research and development, including resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities" and "outer space, including exploration and control thereof."[2] The Committee is engaged in oversight related to a number of activities at NASA, including but not limited to: NASA's implementation of the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2026 during Fiscal Year 2025; NASA's rapid closure of buildings and laboratories at the Goddard Space Flight Center in 2025 and 2026; and the appointment of Mr. Brian Hughes as the Director of the Kennedy Space Center in 2026. This letter serves to formally advise NASA that it must take immediate steps, as required by law and regulation, to preserve all agency records and prepare to make those records available to the Committee upon request.

The Federal Records Act (44 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq.) and the regulations promulgated to implement it require the head of each federal agency to safeguard against the removal or loss of agency records. Records and documentation regarding policies, decisions, procedures, transactions, and deliberations are subject to these statutory preservation requirements. The requirement to preserve records extends to applicable government documents and communications on personal property and in encrypted electronic messaging applications. Additionally, other records of interest may be covered by The Presidential Records Act (44 U.S.C. § 2201 et seq.).

[1] 119 First Session House Rules.
[2] *Id.*

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

Sincerely,



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CC: Chairman Brian Babin
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