Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2008

Mr. David W. Thompson
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Orbital Sciences Corporation
21839 Atlantic Blvd
Dulles, VA 20166

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It has come to our attention that Space Florida, on behalf of the State of Florida, presented a proposal to Orbital Sciences Corporation urging you to locate your new facilities for the Commercial Orbital Transportation Project (COTS) at Cape Canaveral in Florida. As Members of Florida's congressional delegation, we hope you will give strong consideration to this proposal and bring your COTS launch business to our state.

Both Florida Governor Charlie Crist and Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp, as well as the Florida Legislature, have demonstrated their commitment to ensuring that the commercial aerospace industry has the optimal working environment in the state of Florida. Importantly, Florida has recently committed to invest significant capital to upgrade existing launch infrastructure to support the commercial aerospace industry at Cape Canaveral. In addition to the State government's support, Florida boasts a highly skilled workforce, tax policies favorable to the aerospace industry, world class universities, and a location ideally suited to launch activities.

Florida has supported the space industry for nearly 50 years, and we look forward to a continued partnership with the commercial space community that will allow that relationship to flourish. Our state is the ideal location for Orbital Sciences Corporation to build its partnership with NASA and further establish itself as an important participant in the future of the commercial space industry.

The Florida congressional delegation has long supported NASA operations in Florida and we are dedicated to growing and fostering the commercial space industry in Florida. We hope you will join us in this effort, and we urge you to strongly consider Florida as your home for the COTS operations and for all future commercial space launches.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

Mel Martinez

Senator Mel Martinez
Member of Congress

Ron Klein

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