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GOVERNOR

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Mr. Frank DiBello
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. DiBello:

On December 18, 2018, President Donald J. Trump issued a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense establishing the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) as a Unified Combatant Command. I applaud this decision, and Florida stands ready to assist the President and our military in this endeavor.

Florida is home to over 20 military installations and three combatant commands. Additionally, Florida has a long history of support for our nation's efforts in space through the operations of the Kennedy Space Center and the 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base. These installations provide great support to our national defense and provide a significant economic impact to our state.

Pursuant to section 331.3051, Florida Statutes, the duties of Space Florida include "coordinating with programs and goals of the Department of Defense," which now include the formation of USSPACECOM as a Unified Combatant Command. Space Florida serves as Florida's official voice in space-related matters, including communicating our state's interests to the federal government.

Today, I sent a letter to President Trump requesting he locate the headquarters of USSPACECOM in Florida. In furtherance of this request, I am directing Space Florida to make this effort a top priority. Space Florida must immediately begin working to secure the headquarters of the USSPACECOM within this state.

Thank you, and I look forward to the opportunities to come with USSPACECOM headquartered in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor