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Governor DeWine,

We write this letter to express our strong support for Dayton, Ohio, to be declared the home of the United States Space Academy.

As you know, President Trump recently issued Executive Order 14423, *Establishing the United States Space Academy*. States have been encouraged to submit an official response identifying a location and operating solutions for the Space Academy to be located in their state. We believe that Ohio's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is an exceptionally well-suited location for this academy.

Ohio has a storied legacy as a national leader in the advancement of aeronautics and aerospace. Our state continues to sit at the forefront of developing aerospace technologies and expertise that is enabling the next generation of space exploration. We host major aerospace research and development operations, making groundbreaking strides in space exploration and defense technologies. Locating the Space Academy in Ohio leverages billions in investments already made and taps into an existing pool of experience, furthering our state's major contribution to American national security, economic growth, scientific discovery, and technological innovation. Placing the Space Academy in Dayton, Ohio ensures that our nation will take its crucial next steps into the domain of space quickly and efficiently.

Trail-blazing Ohioans such as Neil Armstrong and John Glenn demonstrate the grit and determination with which Ohio will equip our next generation of astronauts, scientists, and engineers to build on what has come before and lead our nation into the future. That leadership, and the investments our state has made in frontier technology, cutting-edge infrastructure, and experienced personnel, makes Ohio the most logical choice for our nation's new Space Academy to continue that proud tradition into a new era.

We commend President Trump's leadership on this important endeavor and look forward to what can be achieved by our nation if this vision becomes reality and the US Space Academy takes root here in the birthplace of aviation. Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this matter as you craft Ohio's application for this selection.

Sincerely,

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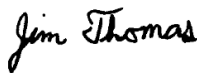
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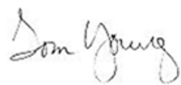
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