

Ohio House of Representatives



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Chairman Holmes, Vice Chair Willis, Ranking Member Baker, thank you for your time today. I ask on behalf of all Ohioans to urge the Federal Government and DOD to name Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio the final and permanent location for Space Command headquarters. We all know flight began with Dayton's sons the Wright Brothers. Ohio has an impressive history of supporting our nation's defense and many innovations in space-related resources.

Let me tell you about Wright-Patt Air Force Base. One of the largest and most complex bases in the US Air Force with a long history of flight tests from the Wright Brothers on Huffman Prairie into the space age. Wright-Patt is the headquarters for the Air Force Material Command, a major Air Force Medical Center and the Air Force Institute of Technology. Not to mention the Air Force Research Laboratory, 88th Air Base Wing, 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing. Ohio is also home to the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, the 178th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group in Springfield, and the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Ohio is where flight began; Ohio leads in innovations in flight, technology and space research, we already have the infrastructure and the assets to support Space Command Headquarters. Please join myself and Representative Patton in support.