

Ohio House Government Oversight Committee

Proponent Testimony on House Resolution 60

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Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee — thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony on House Resolution 60 as it is currently written.

The City of Cleveland strongly supports considering NASA Glenn Research Center as a potential home for NASA's central operations. Ohio's proud aerospace legacy—from the Wright Brothers to Neil Armstrong and John Glenn—continues to drive our leadership in innovation and exploration.

NASA Glenn has played a critical role in nearly every major NASA mission, offering unmatched expertise in propulsion, power systems, communications, and advanced materials. Its leadership in deep space exploration and aerospace innovation makes Cleveland a natural choice for an expanded NASA role.

Our region offers several key advantages:

- **Robust Aerospace Supply Chain:** Home to more than 170 NASA suppliers, Ohio is the largest supplier to Boeing and Airbus, with strengths in advanced propulsion, hypersonics, and additive manufacturing.
- **Strategic National Positioning:** Northeast Ohio's location within America's aerospace corridor provides direct access to NASA centers, major aerospace firms, and leading research universities.
- **Highly Skilled Talent Pipeline:** A strong supply of STEM graduates and experienced aerospace professionals ready to support NASA's mission.
- **Affordable Operational Environment:** Lower costs than major metropolitan areas, enabling greater investment in research, technology, and innovation.
- **World-Class Testing Infrastructure:** NASA Glenn's Armstrong Test Facility houses the world's largest thermal vacuum chamber and premier spacecraft testing equipment.
- **Defense and Aerospace Collaboration Opportunities:** Proximity to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base enhances partnerships between NASA and national security initiatives.

Leveraging NASA Glenn's unique capabilities and regional assets will help ensure America's continued leadership in space exploration and technological advancement.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Resolution 60.