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Vice-Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear and members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Resolution 68, which encourages relocating the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to Ohio.

The current lease for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) headquarters located at 300 E St SW, Washington, DC 20546 is set to expire in August 2028, providing an opportune time to relocate NASA headquarters to Ohio.

Ohio – we are a state of pioneers, explorers and bold visionaries. Ohioans led the way in both flight and space exploration. Our aviation heritage began over a century ago with the Wright Brothers of Dayton, Ohio who invented and flew the first successful airplane. Major Eddie Rickenbacker was the most successful American flying ace of the First World War. Jerrie Mock was the first woman to fly solo around the world. US Senator John Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth. Jim Lovell was one of the first three astronauts to orbit the moon during the Apollo 8 mission and of course Neil A. Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon – all of these heroes, these pioneers, these explorers called Ohio home.

It is not surprising that with the many accomplishments of Ohioans in aviation and space exploration, that Ohio can also claim being home to various world-class research facilities dedicated to aerospace research and development. This includes NASA's own

Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, and Neil Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, as well as the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Ohio is also a well-known transportation and logistics hub with robust infrastructure that includes critical international airports, railways, major highways and a strong manufacturing base. We can boast of a highly skilled workforce committed to innovation and national security; strengthened by partnerships between academia and industry. In keeping with President Trump's goal to decentralize and move federal agencies out of Washington, D.C. and reduce federal spending, Ohio has a relatively low cost-of living and operating expenses. Moving the NASA headquarters to Ohio would therefore provide immense benefit to NASA moving forward and provide savings for taxpayers without compromising access to critical resources.

Senate Resolution 68 supports the efforts by Governor DeWine and members of Ohio's Congressional Delegation who are actively supporting the relocation of NASA's headquarters to our Buckeye State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.