



March 6, 2023

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Director Shalanda Young
Office of Management and Budget
1650 17th St NW
Washington, DC 20500

Administrator Bill Nelson
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20546

Dear President Biden, Director Young, and Administrator Nelson:

We, the local elected leaders of the Aerozone District located in Northeast Ohio, are writing to you today to express our full support for NASA Glenn Research Center and the incredible work being accomplished here in our community to facilitate our nation's mission to go to the Moon, to Mars, and beyond.

Furthermore, the purpose of this letter is to offer our full-throated endorsement of the FY24 appropriations requests contained in the attached correspondence which was directed to your offices and was coauthored by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and U.S. Senator JD Vance, along with a strong bipartisan coalition of Ohio's delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

That letter, dated February 14, 2023, contains a series of critically important funding requests that would have an immensely positive impact on the work already underway at NASA Glenn Research Center. Additionally, we would like to emphasize our desire for there to be increased focus on promoting in-state procurement for contract work conducted through NASA Glenn.

As a way of introduction, the Aerozone Alliance, is a 50 square mile area that surrounds NASA Glenn Research Center and is also home to key Ohio and national assets, such as the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (the largest airport in Ohio), a Ford Plant, a General Motors Plant, The Cleveland Clinic, The Baldwin Wallace University, to name a few. The district includes 9 key Ohio municipalities which includes the City of Cleveland and the City of Parma (2nd and 7th largest cities in Ohio).

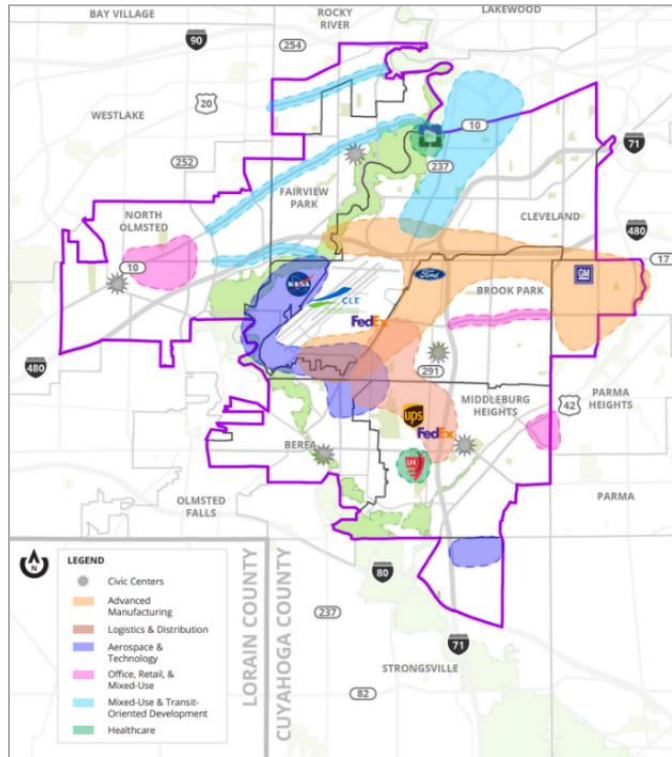
Our civic and industry leaders both within the Aerozone District, in northeast Ohio and broadly across Ohio are working with a deeper sense of commitment and diligence to leverage the science research that is being developed at NASA to help scale up Ohio's advanced technology industries. And perhaps more



importantly, utilizing NASA to catalyze, inspire and engage more historically disenfranchised youth and families to connect into the STEM fields.

We collectively would like to share that all the FY24 appropriations requests included in the above-mentioned correspondence signed by a bipartisan coalition of Ohio’s Congressional Delegation are critical for our region.

In addition, we would like to emphasize one key strategic imperative for Glenn Research Center: **Ensuring that Glenn Research Center is empowered with Program Leadership and Procurement Authority.** Over the years, there has been a recognizable decrease in in-state spending on contracts emanating from NASA Glenn Research Center, and we are eager to work with the administration to remedy that matter. As we have seen at other Centers, when Program and Procurement authority resides locally at Centers, businesses have an incremental incentive to co-locate near the Center, invest private sector capital and create good local jobs.



Given that Ohio is the number 1 supplier to Boeing and Airbus, we are perfectly positioned to execute NASA’s programs.

Thank you very much for your consideration on the above items.

Sincerely,

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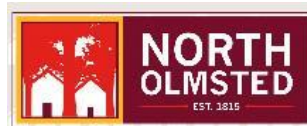
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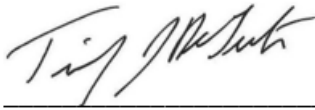
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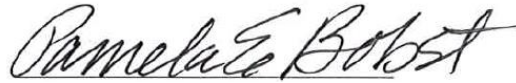
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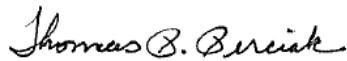
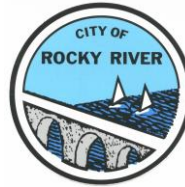




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