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The Honorable Andrea Seastrand  
Executive Director  
California Space Authority  
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Dear Mrs. Seastrand:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the California Space Center to be located on 66-acres outside of Vandenberg Air Force Base on California's Central Coast.

As President of the California Air Force Association, I am pleased with the visibility that this project will bring to the Air Force, in general, and to Vandenberg Air Force Base, in particular, including its legacy of space enterprise development. The California Space Center will highlight the past, present and future of Vandenberg Air Force Base and key space contributions including the launch of the nation's early remote sensing satellites and the launch of nearly all NASA/NOAA observation and environmental missions.

Two major goals of the Air Force Association and its approximately 12,000 California members are providing aerospace education opportunities to the public, and to support the U. S. Air Force. The California Air Force Association appreciates the numerous educational programs that are planned for this project—programs that are designed to inform adults on space efforts, and inspire children to study math, science, technology and engineering. The Air Force depends on a technically qualified workforce. I see such programs as an investment in the future of the competitiveness of the United States both militarily and economically.

I encourage your continued work to make the vision of the California Space Center project become a reality. Please let me know how California Air Force Association can continue to assist in your efforts. Our CAFA Chapter 266 "Robert H. Goddard" is directly involved with activities at Vandenberg AFB and can provide local support.

Sincerely,

Martin W. Ledwitz  
President  
California Air Force Association