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The Honorable Andrea Seastrand
Executive Director
California Space Authority
3201 Airpark Drive, Suite 204
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear Ms. Seastrand:

I write in support of the California Space Authority's proposal for the creation of the California Space Center, which will be dedicated to the inspiration of students to study science, technology, engineering and math as well as the education of the public regarding space enterprise within the state of California. The Center will be located on Highway 1 and although located on Vandenberg Air Force Base, will be available to the public.

The California Space Center project, as envisioned by the California Space Authority, will provide a world-class educational complex, including an interactive museum, launch viewing site, rocket park and visitors center. The Center will highlight contributions made by the space enterprise community, including civil space, national security space and commercial space and their applications to citizens' daily lives. For example, satellites today monitor the Earth's changing climate and provide navigation for autos, ships and farm machinery.

You have the best wishes of myself and the Santa Barbara County Education Office as you launch this important educational project.

Sincerely,

William Cirone
Superintendent

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