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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 202515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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We want to thank policymakers for their continued support and leadership to ensure America's dominance in the global space economy. *H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act*, as amended by the Senate, includes our key priority the *Secure U.S. Leadership in Space Act*, and would modernize how we develop spaceports. The policy change would include spaceports as eligible facilities for tax-exempt private activity bonds, a tool currently available to airports, seaports, and other modes of transportation.

As Florida's aerospace finance, development, and spaceport authority, we strongly support the inclusion of this provision, which would lower costs for space infrastructure development, unlock private investment and high-tech job opportunities, and enhance our national security. Given the rapid growth of the commercial space industry, spaceports are critical for developing America's space infrastructure. Treating spaceports like other transportation infrastructure is a modern, forward-thinking approach that is essential for maintaining American leadership in the global space industry, especially considering significant investments in Space by China and other global competitors.

Space Florida applauds the Senate's inclusion of this language to open access to tax exempt financing for spaceports. We appreciate policymakers' foresight which will secure U.S. space leadership and support it becoming law.

Please contact our representative in Washington D.C., Blair Hancock at blair.hancock@gray-robinson.com to discuss these issues or if you have any questions.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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