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December 2, 2003

The Honorable Paul Wolfowitz
Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Wolfowitz:

I understand the Department of Defense may be considering the feasibility of reducing the number of launch providers for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) program. I believe the elimination of a launch provider from the program at this time would be contrary to the wishes of Congress and would jeopardize our access to space.

Over the last year, the Congress has closely examined the implications of the collapse of the commercial space market on the U.S. space industrial base. After many hearings and numerous discussions with senior Administration officials, it was the conclusion of Congress, as expressed in Section 912 of the Fiscal Year 2004 National Defense Authorization bill, that sustaining two launch providers was important to ensuring that the United States can deliver critical national security payloads into orbit.

Section 912 specifically states the following:

"It is the policy of the United States for the President to undertake actions appropriate to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the United States has the capabilities necessary to launch and insert United States national security payloads into space whenever such payloads are needed in space."

The provision further states that:

"appropriate actions shall include, as a minimum, providing consistent and public guidance to sustain the availability of at least two space launch vehicles (or families of space launch vehicles) capable of delivering into space any payload designated by the Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence as a national security payload."

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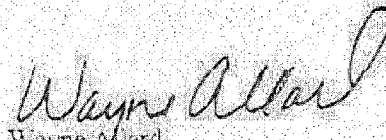
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I believe any effort to eliminate one launch provider from the EELV program would represent a departure from the wishes of Congress and would be a source of concern. I encourage you to carefully consider this provision as the Department goes forward.

Sincerely,


Wayne Allard
United States Senator

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