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Why it matters

- **National Leadership:** Human spaceflight is fundamental to America's continued leadership in the world.
- **Quality of Life:** Human space exploration drives technology to enhance quality of life. NASA technology is used to diagnose cancer, heart disease, and osteoporosis, among many other things. It is also found in many items we take for granted such as insulation, cordless tools and GPS.
- **Education:** Human space exploration inspires young people to pursue careers in math and science, critical skills for the 21st century economy. Thirty-five percent of the engineers working on the Orion Crew Capsule are younger than 35.
- **Jobs:** Tens of thousands of high-tech jobs would be lost nationwide.
- Without NASA's human spaceflight program, the U.S. must pay Russia to transport American crew and cargo to the International Space Station at a minimum cost of \$50,000,000 an astronaut.
- America should support the commercial space industry, but not at the expense of human space exploration. It will take years for private industry to catch up to the level of competence at NASA today.

How can I help?

1. Go to www.GoBoldlyNASA.org to voice your support of NASA's human spaceflight program to your congressional representatives.
2. **Forward the link to your friends and family**, especially those in states that do not have NASA centers.

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