



May 2nd, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
254 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell,

The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) represents nearly 300 American aerospace companies and more than 2.2 million American workers. Across AIA's member companies are the suppliers, designers, manufacturers, launch providers, and operators of commercial, civil, and national security satellites, and space vehicles. Maintaining a safe space environment is critical to our members' operations and our national security, as well as scientific, commercial, and human spaceflight activities.

We write today in support of the *Orbital Sustainability (ORBITS) Act* — Senator Hickenlooper's bipartisan legislation to address orbital debris. AIA appreciates and supports this Committee's attention to responsible stewardship of space. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the *ORBITS Act* as it proceeds through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nora Khalil", written in a cursive style.

Nora Khalil
Vice President, Legislative Affairs
Aerospace Industries Association