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Chairman Lamar Smith
House Science Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson
House Science Committee
394 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Bernice Johnson:

The American Society for Gravitational and Space Research (ASGSR), founded in 1984, brings together a diverse group of scientists, engineers and students from academia, government and industry to promote microgravity research, education, training and development in the areas of space biology and physical sciences. The knowledge gained leads to a better understanding of the effects of gravity on living and physical systems on Earth and enables human space exploration.

The American Society for Gravitational and Space Research is writing in support of the proposed NASA re-authorization for FY18 and FY19. We are particularly supportive of statements in the bill that express support for microgravity research in the context of the International Space Station (ISS) mission Section 202 (a)(2). We also want to express support of the manager's amendment that inserts the following on page 10, after line 19

“(3) In addition to the priorities under paragraph (2), the United States has a larger and broader need and use for further microgravity research.

We also appreciate the recognition by the committee that the ISS transition is an evolving process and Congress will remain very engaged on the progress, changes and developments to carrying out the plans in the ISS transition report.

Thank you for your commitment and recognition of the need for microgravity research as part of a broader national research and innovation agenda.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Martin-Brennan
Executive Director

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President

Copies to: The Honorable Brian Babin
Chair, Space Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Ami Bera,
Ranking Member, Space Subcommittee
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