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## **AIA Welcomes NASA Authorization Bill**

**Arlington, Va.** — The Aerospace Industries Association welcomes the introduction of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Act of 2018. The bill authorizes NASA operations through Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) and provides important policy direction for America’s space endeavors, allowing government and industry to engage in the longer-term planning necessary to realize our vision.

“NASA programs are truly inspirational, both for people working in our industry today and the rocket scientists and aerospace engineers of tomorrow,” said AIA President and CEO Eric Fanning. “It’s an exciting time of growth and change in the space community and we are encouraged by the national attention that space is receiving.”

NASA programs supporting civil, commercial and national security applications are at the center of American achievement and innovation and support tens of thousands of high-paying jobs in the space industrial base. The NASA authorization bill demonstrates Congress’ continued commitment to U.S. leadership and superiority in space through FY19.

“Space plays a vital role in U.S. national security and economic prosperity,” Fanning added. “We are interested in learning more about Congress’ priorities for NASA through tomorrow’s full Science Committee mark-up of the bill and to working with the House and Senate to ensure its eventual passage.”

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