



June 9, 2025

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
United States Senate
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Cruz:

On behalf of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, I want to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Bring the Space Shuttle Home Act (S.1403). BAHEP strongly supports your efforts to relocate the retired Space Shuttle Discovery to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The Johnson Space Center is the home of Mission Control, astronaut training, and many of the most critical human spaceflight programs in American history. From Gemini and Apollo to Skylab and the Shuttle Program, and now the International Space Station and Artemis missions, Houston has played a defining role in every chapter of U.S. crewed space exploration.

The Bay Area Houston region is home to thousands of engineers, technicians, and aerospace professionals who continue to advance national goals in space every day. Returning the Shuttle Discovery to this community would honor the past and serve as a powerful inspiration for future generations of explorers, scientists, and innovators.

Despite its central role in the Shuttle program, Houston was not selected to receive an orbiter following retirement. Your bill offers an opportunity to correct that oversight and deliver a fitting and permanent home for the Shuttle in the place where so much of its story was written and where it will inspire the next generation of explorers.

Thank you for your commitment to making this right and we stand ready to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BRIAN FREEDMAN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Freedman
President
Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership