

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 Space Center Houston, I want to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Bring the Space Shuttle Home Act (S.1403). The Space Center Houston Board of Directors enthusiastically supports your efforts to relocate the retired Space Shuttle Discovery to NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Houston has long been the hub for human space exploration. The US Shuttle Program was coordinated out of NASA Johnson Space Center, leading to the remarkable achievement of assembling and managing the International Space Station. Space Center Houston proudly serves as the Official Visitor Center of NASA Johnson Space Center, showcasing and interpreting human space exploration across time. This role is vital for NASA and the space community, as we educate and inspire future generations of engineers, scientists, and the general public. Of Space Center Houston's 1.4 million annual visitors, over 300,000 are youth and educators engaged in our STEM learning programs.

Exhibiting the Space Shuttle Discovery in Houston would significantly enhance educational opportunities and support the growth of our space economy, here in the home of human space flight. With 280 acres at Exploration Park dedicated to commercial space companies, the nearby Ellington Field Space Port, and the Texas Space Commission actively investing in the space economy, Discovery would play a crucial role in advancing our future prospects.

Thank you for championing this transformative opportunity.

Sincerely,



William T. Harris
President and CEO