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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

COLORADO SPRINGS IS THE PRIME LOCATION FOR U.S. SPACE COMMAND

As the Department of Defense and Congress continue to weigh location options for U.S. Space Command's headquarters, we write with a unified voice to re-establish U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs. The existing capabilities in the state provide critical mass for the best space operations coordination and collaboration available anywhere.

WE'RE ALREADY THE EPICENTER FOR MILITARY SPACE

Colorado Springs is home to what will become many of U.S. Space Command's crucial assets, including Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, two of the Air Force's five space wings — the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB and the 50th Space Wing at Schriever AFB — the Air Force Reserve's only space wing, the 310th Space Wing, and the space portion of Army Space and Missile Defense Command. The resources and assets needed to support this new command exist here like nowhere else in the country.

Colorado Springs is the nucleus of geospatial technology. The 50th Space Wing at Schriever is responsible for flying many of our nation's satellite constellations, including the GPS constellation, critical to military precision navigation and timing and commercial uses we experience every day. The 50th Space Wing also operates most of our nation's most critical national security communications satellites.

The 21st Space Wing at Peterson provides missile warning and space control to U.S. Strategic Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and U.S. Northern Command through their network of sensors operated by geographically separated units across the globe.

Peterson Air Force Base is home to Air Force Space Command which provides military focused space capabilities with a global perspective to the joint warfighting team. The Commander of Air Force Space Command also operates as the Space Component Commander to U.S. Strategic Command. Peterson AFB is also the home of General Jay Raymond, the President's nominee to be dual hatted as commander of U.S. Space Command, as well as Air Force Space Command.

Five Space Warning Squadrons, commanded by Peterson's 21st Space Wing, operate and maintain the critical missile warning radar systems which also provide space situational awareness to the world. These radars continuously provide vital data to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command — both also headquartered at Peterson, as well as United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), and regional combatant commanders.

WE'RE INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN FOR SPACE

Every year, space leaders flock to Colorado Springs to gain intel, make connections and conduct business to business meetings at the Space Symposium, the premiere U.S. space policy and program forum. Now in its 35th year, this conference influences all sectors of space. We welcome the Space Symposium's 10,000 speakers, exhibitors, and attendees to our great city!

OUR COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO SPACE

Colorado Springs is committed to building and supporting strong relationships with our military partners. The Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC's Military Affairs Council dates back to 1941 and is composed of 135 members representing all corners of our business community. It is their efforts, and others, that resulted in Colorado Springs' recognition as a "Great American Defense Community" by the Association of Defense Communities in 2017. In 2019, Colorado Springs was voted the "Best Place for Veterans to Live," with more than 40,000 service members and 80,000 veterans choosing the Pikes Peak region as their home following military service.

Top aerospace contractors Boeing, Harris, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon are among more than 240 aerospace and defense contractors with a major presence in Colorado Springs, supporting the DoD through procurement and managing space assets.

Basing U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs takes advantage of a national security space synergy that does not exist anywhere else. Colorado Springs is the clear choice to host U.S. Space Command, and we are prepared to welcome our new partner with open arms.

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EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the future of space

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Space Symposium attendees, welcome to the hub of advanced aerospace science and technology — also known as the City of Champions and Olympic City USA for good reason.

Welcome to the region where humanity comes to soar beyond the imagination's limits.

Enjoy the symposium in the luxury of a premier, world class, five-star resort. The Broadmoor announced expansion this year that will double exhibit space to facilitate the growing needs of Space Symposium, the best-known and most respected gathering of the global space community.

All this takes place at the foot of Pikes Peak, widely known as America's Mountain, and a stone's throw from the awe-inspiring and world-famous Garden of the Gods — a park that competes with New York's Central Park for TripAdvisor's top-ranked park in the country.

Despite seemingly countless world-famous assets, advancements in the science and technology of the cosmos may best define this city's future.

In a world perpetually divided by good and evil, war and peace, outer space becomes the new and future battle frontier.

Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region serve as honored hosts of Air Force Space Command — the primary space force of the United States Armed Forces — U.S. Space Command, and the United States Air Force Academy.

The synergy of these major aerospace operations combines with the physical and intellectual assets of neighboring and contiguous operations at Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, NORTHCOM, NORAD, The National Cybersecurity Center, and more. They form a cohesive community

prepared to meet increasingly hostile threats from enemies racing to militarize space.

India erased any reservations about growing threats in space when it performed an anti-satellite test late last month, quickly followed last week by deployment of an electro-magnetic intelligence satellite as part of a 29-satellite launch.

China and Russia have raced for years toward a goal of tactically offensive space supremacy, as the United States lags in space-based defense investments. Thankfully, Congress and President Donald Trump are committing funds to move us forward.

This is no time to try relocating our space-defense infrastructure, or to start from scratch in some new location for political reasons. Space Symposium convenes here because this is the natural pole star of space defense, today and into the future.

As always, we at The Gazette hope Space Symposium helps some of the world's best and brightest scholars, scientists, engineers, pilots, astronauts, teachers, professors, students, technicians, entrepreneurs, and others, share ideas and form lasting relationships that make our country an invulnerable force and steward of freedom.

While here, enjoy this region's natural beauty. Explore downtown, Manitou Springs, Old Colorado City, and the community's other commercial districts. Take in natural creations that will forever exceed what humans can accomplish on earth or in space.

Discover why Colorado Springs stands out as the gold standard for hosting aerospace and related military functions. This community cherishes Space Symposium and members of the permanent aerospace community who work and play here.

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