



December 16, 2024

Attn: Michael Whitaker, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: Revised Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Increased Cadence

Dear Administrator Whitaker,

We are pleased to provide this letter in strong support of SpaceX's proposal to increase the launches and landings of its Starship vehicle at the Starbase facility in Cameron County, Texas from 5 to 25 per year.

The Starship system SpaceX is developing in South Texas is the world's first fully reusable launch system, as well as the most powerful rocket ever built and flown. The Starship system is under contract with NASA as the Artemis program's Human Landing System (HLS), which will return American astronauts to the lunar surface. Starship is also on contract with the Department of Defense in relation to urgent national security requirements. However, the continued development and full utilization of Starship will not be possible if SpaceX is not allowed to increase its launch cadence at Starbase.

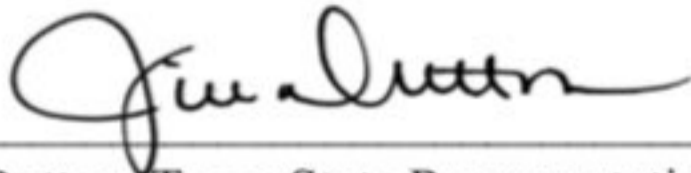
According to the Federal Aviation Administration's *Revised Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Launch Vehicle Program Increased Cadence*, greenhouse gas emissions associated with SpaceX's proposal would not be significant or contribute to any appreciable addition of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere and would not result in significant air quality impacts. Additionally, consistent with the data and analyses contained in the 2022 Programmatic Environmental Assessment, increasing SpaceX's launch cadence in Cameron County would not result in significant impacts to water resources, terrestrial wildlife habitats, or endangered marine species. In other words, allowing SpaceX to conduct 25 annual launches and landings of its Starship/Super Heavy launch vehicle at Starbase will result in no harm to the environment.

SpaceX has demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting public safety and the environment, and we believe that commitment will continue with additional launches and landings at Starbase. SpaceX is a critical partner in our state, contributing an economic impact worth billions and supporting thousands of jobs directly and many more thousands through its supply chain, construction, and daily operations which tap Texas businesses for so many functions and capabilities. Most importantly, SpaceX and its workforce in Texas are inspiring a whole new generation of Americans, and Texans, to aspire to great things, to strive for what is possible—to learn, advance, and explore.

The FAA must approve SpaceX's proposal to increase the number of launches of Starship from 5 to 25 per year from the Starbase site—a one-of-a-kind facility that is singularly maintaining American leadership in space relative to global competitors like China. The FAA's role is critical to ensuring American leadership, and we encourage your agency to move swiftly to enable the powerful tool of American innovation in this regard.

For these reasons and many more, we urge you to approve SpaceX's plan to increase the launches and landings of its Starship/Super Heavy vehicle scheduled at the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas.

God bless Texas,




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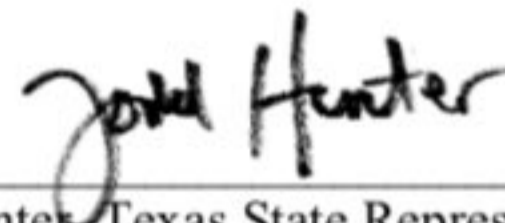
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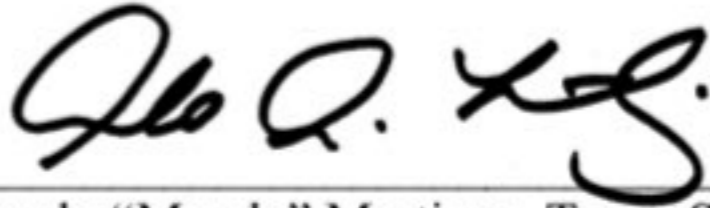
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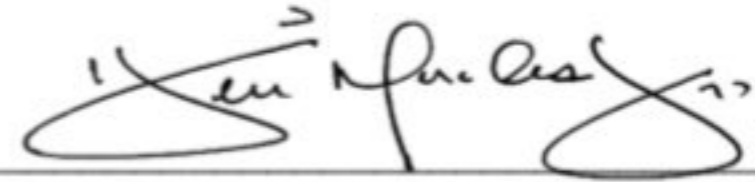
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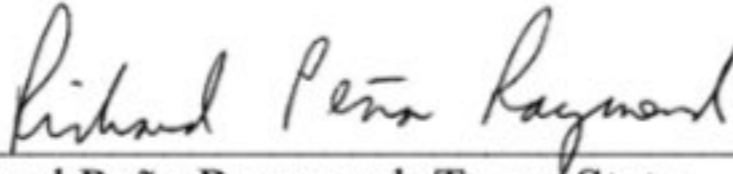
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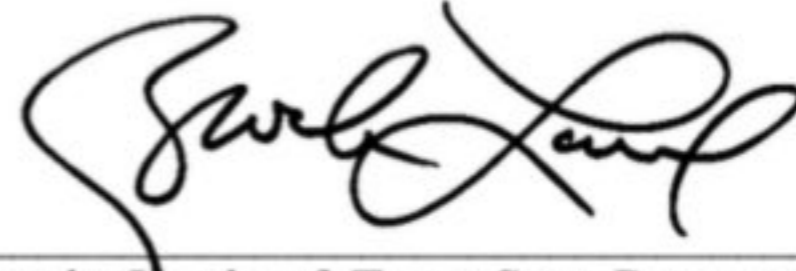
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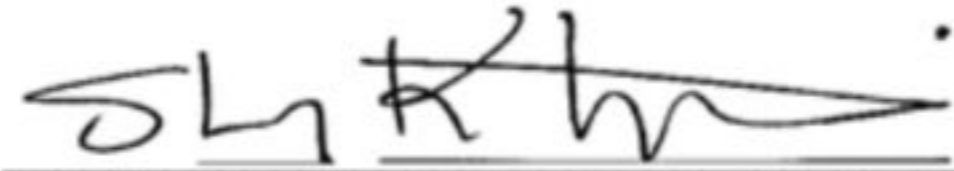
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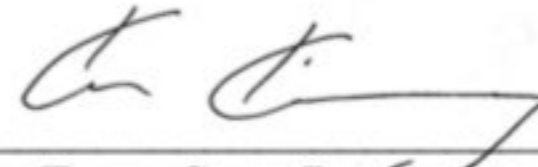
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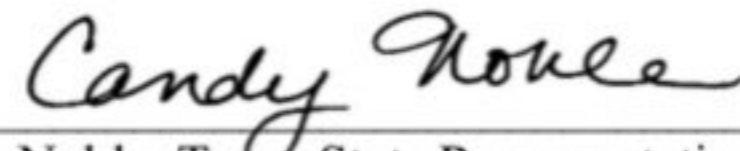
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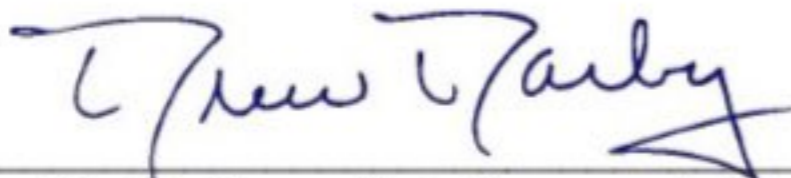
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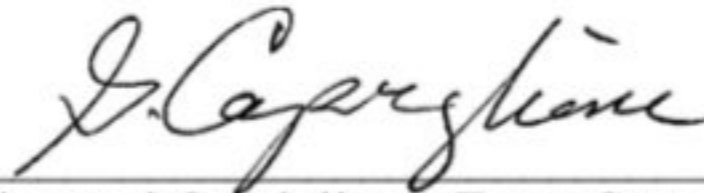
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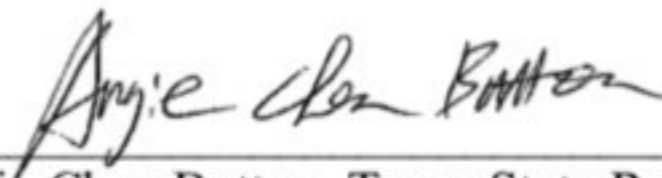
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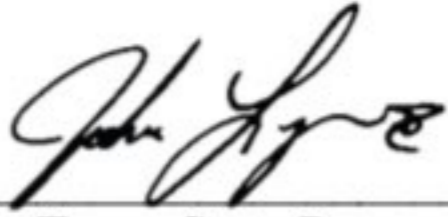
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