

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

Strengthening Florida's Role in Space Exploration



Stephanie Bednarek, Government Affairs Manager at SpaceX presents on the importance of Florida's innovative space aerospace and aviation industry.

"Florida has long been a leader in aerospace and it's due, in part, to the business community's focus on innovation. The Florida Chamber takes space flight and emerging commercial space markets seriously and knows that innovation in this industry directly impacts economic development."

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Why It Matters to Florida

As NASA's role continues to change, private aerospace companies are playing increasingly important roles in space exploration. Florida must aggressively compete to remain the preeminent location for private spaceflight activities, engage in more research and development and capitalize on Florida's existing space industry talent supply. Florida's aerospace industry helps to generate bold economic development initiatives and brings much needed jobs not only to Florida's Space Coast, but throughout the state.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

The Florida Chamber will continue to push for targeted investments in technological advancements for both civil and commercial space projects, and ensure that Florida maintains its leadership role in space. The Florida Chamber will also continue to track current initiatives to fund aviation improvements and retain our highly skilled and educated aerospace workforce. Encouraging targeted investments in technological advancements for both civil and commercial space projects ensures Florida remains the leader in America's space business.

The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

While the manned Space Shuttle program has come to an end, Florida remains well positioned to attract aviation and aerospace companies and grow existing Florida companies due to our state's unique history of spaceflight, geographic and workforce advantages, and tax climate. We must also continue to fight against environmental extremists who continue to stand in the way of proposed spaceport expansion and creation. Having aerospace corporate headquarters and more spaceports in our state will build on Florida's rich history as a leader in spaceflight activity.

ACT NOW:

Add your voice to those who support innovative growth in Florida's aviation and aerospace industries by joining the Florida Chamber in our fight to secure Florida's future.



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