

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable William Morneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance

The Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

Dear Prime Minister and Ministers:

Canada's current leadership role in the global space sector and our potential involvement in the exciting new space economy – which is today worth over \$500 billion and is growing fast – are at risk.

Canada's space sector includes some of our brightest minds in science, technology, engineering and math, creating...

- \$5.5 billion (revenue)
- 10,000 direct jobs — 41% with university degrees; 22,000 indirect jobs
- \$2.3 billion (contribution to GDP)

We are world leaders in satellite communications, Earth observation, space robotics, space science, astronomy, optics and sensors, due to forward-thinking decisions of governments over 20 years ago. **But after decades without a long-term space plan, or significant investment, Canada's future in space is in jeopardy.** In fact, Canada has fallen from 8th place to 18th in spending as a share of GDP among OECD countries since 1992, and we are losing investment dollars and capacity as new graduates and established professionals leave to pursue work in countries that invest in space and have space ambitions and funding.

The Canadian space sector is calling for a **long-term, fully-funded and balanced space strategy** for Canada as part of Budget 2019. It is also decision-time for the first important flagship space mission under that strategy.

Canada's international space exploration partners, including the US, Europe and Japan, are planning a return to the Moon in the 2020s with a small space station, the Lunar Gateway. It will be the base for lunar surface exploration, a science lab, a communications hub, as well as a staging platform to explore deeper space.

Canadians are supportive of space investments. According to a recent Ipsos survey:

- Four in five Canadians are proud of our activities in space (79%) and think that Canadian success in advanced space technologies contributes to our knowledge economy, innovation, and economic competitiveness (78%).
- Nine in ten say "when I think about or see the Canadarm, I feel proud" (92%) and agree maintaining leadership in space robotics, such as the Canadarm, is important for our country (90%).
- 85% would like to see Canada maintain a role in a new Moon mission.

We are calling on the Government of Canada to invest in this critical sector at this critical time. It's time for bold vision and wise choices.

Yours sincerely,



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