

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2025

The Honorable Troy E. Meink
Secretary of the Air Force
Department of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Secretary Meink:

We write to strongly encourage the Department of the Air Force to select the U.S. Army's Fort Huachuca as the optimal location for establishing a new U.S. Space Force mission system and squadron to provide the Combatant Command early threat detection and identification of space objects. This mission is vital to strengthening national Space Domain Awareness (SDA) and ensuring operational superiority in a contested and congested space environment that will only grow more competitive.

Fort Huachuca offers a low-risk, high-value, move-in-ready solution that aligns with key basing criteria: sensor dispersion, environmental suitability, established infrastructure, and demonstrated experience in cross-domain deconfliction.

Southern Arizona is the Astronomy Capital of America, with unique environmental conditions: minimal light pollution, low air traffic, and clear skies make Fort Huachuca an ideal location for optical and hybrid space sensing technologies. The base also offers full support infrastructure for personnel and families, reducing startup costs and enhancing term readiness, retention, and family well-being.

The surrounding region strengthens this ecosystem further. The University of Arizona leads in AI-driven space object detection, and major aerospace firms like Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and Honeywell provide robust industrial capacity to support SDA innovation.

In short, Fort Huachuca provides a strategically sound, operationally ready, and cost-effective location for this critical Space Force capability. Unlike other locations, the Fort already has the supporting infrastructure, quality of life, with the opportunity for joint operations. We respectfully urge your full consideration as the Department moves forward with its basing process.

Our offices stand ready to support you throughout this process, including through the appropriations and authorization pathways needed to advance this mission. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the future of U.S. space domain security.

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Sincerely,

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Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress

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Abraham J. Hamadeh
Member of Congress

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Andy Biggs
Member of Congress