

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 17, 2012

The Honorable Charles F. Bolden
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20546-0002

Dear General Bolden,

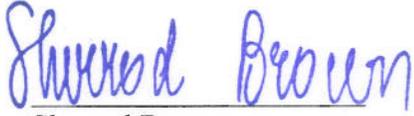
We are writing in support of the Great Lakes Science Center's (GLSC) application to the NASA Office of Education to establish a Discovery Aeronautics and Aerospace Gallery and related programming activities.

GLSC, in partnership with the NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC), submitted a joint application for these funds through NASA Research Announcement, NNH11ZHA004N, the 2011 Competitive Program for Science Museums and Planetariums Plus Opportunities for NASA Visitor Centers and Other Informal Education Institutions. The GLSC-GRC proposal highlights GRC's groundbreaking mission-related technology development in the areas of air-breathing propulsion, communications, in-space propulsion, power and energy storage, materials for extreme environments, and physical science and medical technology in space.

The proposal seeks to reinforce the Agency's key missions of exploration and discovery through interactive exhibits that will help NASA build its future workforce through educating and inspiring K-12 students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. It invites participants to explore GRC's research through interactive exhibits and demonstrations so that students, teachers and the general public can develop a greater understanding of what NASA scientists and engineers do, investigate how they do it, and become inspired to see themselves as scientists and engineers. In addition to hands-on learning, the program plans to enable distance learning by bringing NASA launches, programs, and events to students who are unable to attend in person, as well as professional development for educators in GRC's six-state region using NASA education tools and resources.

By supporting this proposal, NASA can continue to signal its strong commitment to the delivery of exceptional educational programming directly related to the Agency's core mission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



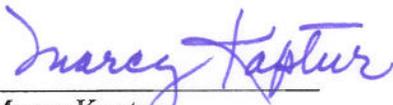
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United States Senator



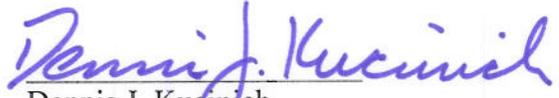
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