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Dear Representative,

I am writing to urge your support of the NASA FY09 authorization bill that will be debated on the House floor Wednesday afternoon. The bill would authorize \$19.2 billion for the agency and includes \$853,400,000 for Aeronautics, a 35% increase over FY08.

Over the last 20 years, NASA's research budget has gone down steadily, with space exploration expanding at about the same rate. The result is an increasing gap in life sciences and human factors knowledge – knowledge that is critical for successful missions and for improving both the safety and efficiency of our current and future aerospace systems. The authorizing language contained within the bill is consistent with Administration and Congressional plans to stimulate global competitiveness and innovation at NASA.

Please contact APA's Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman, at (202) 336-5949 or ehoffman@apa.org, if you have any questions or are in need of additional information.

The American Psychological Association (APA), a scientific and professional organization of more than 148,000 psychologists and affiliates, is committed to advancing psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting health, education, and human welfare.

Sincerely,

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CC: Senators Daniel Inouye and Ted Stevens