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Dear Greg,

I am writing to you in your capacity as chair of the House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee to alert you that I will shortly publish the Space Industrial Plan. I have enclosed an embargoed copy as a courtesy in advance of publication.

For the UK's space sector, our National Space Strategy, published in 2021, encapsulates not just my department's mission, but the whole of governments ambition to develop one of the world's most innovative and attractive space economies.

Last year, government published the National Space Strategy in Action as part of our response to the Committee's second report, setting out the next steps that we would take to deliver the ambition of the National Space Strategy. With this publication, we take a significant step towards unlocking growth and developing resilience in the UK space sector.

Building on the foundations of our National and Defence Space Strategies, the Space Industrial Plan is a joint civil-defence publication that sets out our new way of working with the commercial space sector, modernising our approach and giving the sector greater confidence to invest. We set out clear, timed missions and actions deliverable through a shared endeavour with the sector.

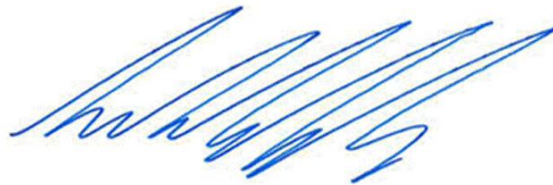
This plan sends a strong demand signal to, and provides clarity for, UK space companies and investors, giving them the confidence to invest long-term in the sector. We have been decisive in sequencing the first five national space capability goals where we want the UK to excel, agreed by the National Space Council. These capabilities will support UK government in fulfilling its commitments and legal obligations, target specific needs of the citizen, and drive our future ambitions to unlock new markets. These capabilities are underpinned by a set of intervention areas, describing how we will utilise our main government levers to shape the business environment in pursuit of our ambitions.

We have heard and understood the challenges facing the UK's space companies. Together, we will build one of the most innovative and attractive space economies in the

world, where space products and services deliver for the prosperity and security of the UK.

I look forward to engaging with you and the Committee further in the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Andrew Griffith.

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