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Dear Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to join the people of Houston in congratulating your organizations on receiving the 2018 Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer State and Local Economic Development Award. The work done by your collaboration has been transformative for Houston and helped to ensure Space City remains at the forefront of research, development, and implementation in the United States and beyond.

The introduction of SpaceCom to Houston has opened doors and facilitated innovative partnerships for Texans as they work to leverage the latest technology for the benefit of their businesses and industries. Your partnership has helped Americans to maximize the discoveries in NASA's laboratories, giving a greater return on the investment our Nation makes in research and development. With the extraordinary power of your united voices at SpaceCom, we can look forward to greater gains at a greater speed in energy, medicine, manufacturing, trade and agribusiness. The partnerships that develop through your programming and networking mean a stronger America and Texas in our dynamic global economy. The impact of your alliance will leave an impact that will be felt for generations.

As you look forward to another successful SpaceCom later this year, I look forward to celebrating the results of the tremendous work done by each of your organizations and the partnerships they facilitate.

Congratulations on this recognition of your vision for NASA and the people of Texas!

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator