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I send my sincerest regrets for being unable to join each of you at SpaceCom this year. SpaceCom plays an important role in helping NASA achieve its goals by promoting cross-industry convergent technologies, engaging the space entrepreneur community, fulfilling the commercial mission of the International Space Station, and facilitating discussions on near and deep space operations.

It is an honor to have taken the helm at NASA when the Agency and the country are taking such bold steps toward space exploration and commercial space development. The mission of SpaceCom and the collaborative opportunities it creates for NASA, aerospace, and industry align perfectly with this Administration's vision for space. The three Space Policy Directives signed by President Trump in the last 12 months have provided sweeping new authorities for human and robotic exploration of the Moon and, eventually, Mars and promoted further growth and development of our burgeoning space economy.

I was pleased to learn that the User Advisory Group of the National Space Council will hold an intake session at SpaceCom this year. The selection of SpaceCom as the venue for this opportunity speaks to the tremendous work being done each year at this conference and will provide a unique forum for discussions that will help shape United States space policy.

I want to wish you all a very successful SpaceCom. Please know the investment of your time, energy, and resources is making a difference in how we go further together, both on and off the Earth. Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Ad Astra,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Bridenstine".

James F. Bridenstine
Administrator