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Dear Senator/Representative Name:

As a constituent and member of an organization called the Mars Society ([www.marssociety.org](http://www.marssociety.org)), I would like to arrange a meeting with you to discuss the future of the Vision for Space Exploration (VSE).

A strong human space exploration program is vital to the United States. By expanding our capabilities in areas such as launch technology, propulsion, and life support, the VSE is certain to drive innovation and produce many important breakthroughs that will benefit America and humanity. Perhaps most importantly, returning humans to the Moon and then on to Mars will inspire younger Americans to pursue education and careers in science and technology. The United States can't afford to lose its technological and competitive edge in the twenty-first century.

The goal of sending humans back to the Moon and then on to Mars is achievable with adequate funding and support from Congress. However, we feel that this plan can be achieved more quickly and efficiently than is currently planned. As the program develops, NASA needs to develop common hardware that can be used for Moon missions as well as later Mars missions. Common hardware will not help to speed up the programs, but will save money.

I hope that you will help guarantee that the Vision for Space Exploration will be pursued in as sensible a manner as possible. In doing so, we can help to assure that America will continue its tradition of exploration and discovery. Once again, I hope that you (or one of your staff members) will be willing to meet with me in the near future.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Your name