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Mr. James W. Kennedy, Center Director
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Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I am writing to express my support for the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) concept and to endorse your efforts to bring the NSSC to Central Florida. The Agency needs to explore ways to streamline the cost of administrative operations and infrastructure, and the NSSC concept is a significant step in the right direction.

The Central Florida Research Park in East Orange County is the premier location for NASA's Shared Services Center. I cannot think of a more ideal location, given the proximity to Kennedy Space Center, availability of skilled labor, affordable housing and low cost of living. Our "Sunshine State" climate and attractions are added draws.

In addition, the Central Florida Research Park is one of the top ten research parks in the nation with significant high-tech resources available. Housed within the Research Park, the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corp design and disseminate simulation, modeling and training technology for military and civilian applications. A vibrant and synergistic relationship exists here between private businesses and local, state and federal government.

The close relationship and proximity to the University of Central Florida provides a knowledge base and educational training facilities that are second to none. The location is easily accessible to major transportation networks, and only 30 minutes away from the Kennedy Space Center.

Again, please know that you have my full support and advocacy through the NSSC site selection process and implementation. Please feel free to call on me at any time.

Sincerely,