



The Aerospace States Association

Resolution 2024-8

AEROSPACE STATES ASSOCIATION (ASA) URGES THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AND INVEST IN MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES

WHEREAS, ASA is the voice of Aerospace for the states/Tribes/territories where government, industry, and education come together to discuss, evaluate, and recommend policy options for aerospace initiatives of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, ASA represents states/Tribes/territories interests in federal aerospace and aviation policy development; and,

WHEREAS, hypersonics technologies are emerging as a critically-needed national capability to address near peer threats, but the technologies also have multiple other beneficial use-cases; and,

WHEREAS, hypersonics technologies could one day propel aircraft around the world in only a few hours, or they could be used as reusable launch vehicles to carry satellites into orbit; and,

WHEREAS, both hypersonic military technologies and reusable rockets promise to revolutionize how we access space, how we travel and transport cargo from point-to-point, and even how global reach and hypersonic aircraft will help protect the 21st century peace; and,

WHEREAS, dual-use spaceports will be critical to proving the utility of future hypersonic flight and can help enable economic growth that revitalizes the American heartland and ultimately all fifty states as well as the US territories;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASA specifically recommends that the U.S. Government:

- Expedite efforts to field and develop boost glide vehicles and rocket-powered missile technologies for national defense.
- Support the development and deployment of hypersonic defenses, including space-based systems.
- Master hypersonic airbreathing missiles and aircraft are important technologies for both military and commercial missions.
- Flight test hypersonic flight systems at both ocean and inland test and launch
- Expand markets for future reusable launch capabilities both in DoD and NASA.
- Expand Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) programs to procure reusable launch and spaceport services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASA recommends two concrete steps, 1) the U.S. should establish a major spaceplane and hypersonic initiative within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. A key part of this initiative should include maturing the technology and investing in hypersonic spaceplanes, glide vehicles, missiles and aircraft leveraging the commercial sector where appropriate, as outlined above; and, 2) the U.S. Department of Commerce, with its new charter to oversee the growth of commercial space launch and satellite systems, should work with the Congress, the federal agencies, the private



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sector, and, especially, the states to incentivize dual-use, military and commercial hypersonic flight capabilities as consistent to maintain national security; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASA urges the President and Congress to support and invest in military and commercial hypersonic technological capabilities to ensure our nation can deter and defend against hypersonic threats, while facilitating United States commercial preeminence.

ADOPTED ON THIS 26th OF June, 2024.



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