

By the Numbers: A Balanced NASA Budget

Washington, D.C. – House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) this week introduced a two-year NASA Authorization bill alongside lead sponsor Congressman Steven Palazzo (R-Miss.).

Here are a few key numbers you need to know:

50+

“For more than 50 years, the U.S. has led the world in space exploration. We must restore balance to NASA’s budget if we want to ensure the U.S. continues to lead in space for the next 50 years.”- Chairman Lamar Smith

42

Years since the last man left the Moon.

2011

Last year a human space mission launched from U.S. soil.

“We must once again launch American astronauts on American rockets from American soil as soon as possible.” – Congressman Steven Palazzo

100%

The House NASA Authorization is budget neutral and 100% compliant with funding level caps in federal law

16%

Difference between requests for NASA’s Science and Exploration accounts in Obama administration proposal

0.03%

Difference between requests for NASA’s Science and Exploration accounts in House Science Committee proposal

442

Number in millions in cuts to our nation’s space exploration programs under Obama administration NASA budget request

35%

Difference between requests for NASA’s Earth science and Planetary science accounts in the Obama administration’s proposal

3%

Difference between requests for NASA’s Earth science and Planetary science accounts in House Science Committee proposal

48

Number of states where work is being done to support the next generation of NASA human spaceflight programs.

1,800+

Number of commercial ‘spinoff’ products as a result of NASA programs

70

Amount in Millions the U.S. pays per seat, per flight to the Russians to send U.S. astronauts to the International Space Station.

17

Number of members who #SupportSpace and House NASA Authorization Act Representatives Steven Palazzo (R-Miss.), Lamar Smith (R-Texas), John Culberson (R-Texas), Frank Lucas (R-Okla.), Jim Bridenstine (R-Okla.), Randy Weber (R-Texas), Barry Loudermik (R-Ga.), Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), Michael McCaul (R-Texas), Randy Hultgren (R-Ill.), John Moolenaar (R-Mich.), Steve Knight (R-Calif.), Brian Babin (R-Texas), Barbara Comstock (R-Va.), Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio), and Bill Posey (R-Fla.).

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Number of years of guidance the House provides for NASA budgets and programs.

1

Number of federal agencies responsible for space exploration

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And beyond... Where we can go if we support NASA’s role in space exploration.