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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
Administrator
NASA Headquarters
Mail Code S
300 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20456

Dear Administrator Bolden:

I am pleased to offer my strong and unequivocal support for the application to display a Space Shuttle Orbiter in New York. The Space Shuttle is truly a masterpiece of American technological achievement and a key part of our nation's space exploration. New York is the most fitting location at which to showcase the Shuttle to the public and the world.

New York is our nation's largest and most visited city, and is of course central to the entire northeast. I do not believe that any other northeast sites for the Shuttle are under consideration, therefore a Shuttle on display in New York would be of great benefit to the entire region. New York is easily accessible to residents of Connecticut and surrounding states.

New York is also easily accessible for school group day trips from Connecticut and other nearby states and overnight trips from throughout the Northeast. The Space Shuttle would of course present an invaluable educational opportunity for the young people of Connecticut and the entire region, and I am certain that our educators would relish the opportunity for such a unique experience for their students.

I firmly believe displaying the Space Shuttle Orbiter in New York is the best way to achieve NASA's mission of properly preserving and showcasing this great and important part of NASA's and America's history. I therefore urge you to give all possible consideration to selecting this city for Orbiter display.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor