

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 8, 2011

The Honorable Charlie Bolden, Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Administrator Bolden,

We are asking that you adequately evaluate all options to preserve Hangar One, located at Moffett Field, California.

Each federal agency, especially NASA, faces difficult budgetary choices and increasingly limited resources. For this reason, we believe that full consideration of the benefits of leveraging public money with private investment should be examined.

It is our understanding that there is a private/public proposal from the community to re-skin this historic landmark, in the heart of Silicon Valley. The proposal has merit, it enjoys support from the community, and it offers the most expedient option to bring closure to this time sensitive issue. As you know, right now this historic building that was built and used during World War II, is currently being de-skinned by the Navy and funds need to be secured for the re-skinning.

There is no better place to explore creative approaches and partnerships which would benefit the public and private sectors than Silicon Valley, where Hangar One and NASA Ames are located. Building on the tradition of high-impact collaboration between the federal government and private capital has made Silicon Valley the innovation leader of our nation. A public/private partnership could avoid both significant taxpayer costs and the irreversible demolition of this historic landmark.

We thank you in advance for thoroughly examining all options and we look forward to your timely response.

Most gratefully,


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