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My name is George Rogers from Houston, Texas.

I am a long time SPACE enthusiast and have followed it since I was a kid with Gemini and Apollo programs and watched the Apollo crews walk on the moon with great excitement.

I have 30 years experience in engineering, design, construction within power and petrochemical industries. I am very fortunate that I am in one of the highest paying industries in these hard economic times.

Looking back at history in regards to our economic revolutions we find that there was always a new one following an old one. For example, the following revolutions: agricultural, industrial, computer, technology all followed each other and when one slowed down another started up and created new jobs for that that had been displaced. At no other time in history have all global industries suffered a slowdown that we are now seeing.

I have heard that in the United States that for every new job created in an industry there are 3 jobs created to support the first job (Reference.....). The more professional positions that are created the more, lower income type jobs are created. The big problem with the U.S. employment situation is that when an industry closes or shuts down there are no new industries opening up and the same people wind up fighting for the same limited jobs.

I have researched the benefits of the Space Program with the following results.

1. The space program is one of the few government programs that has ever returned a profit back to the tax payers as identified by independent auditors. (Reference.....)
2. The space program creates jobs for the highly skilled and highly paid workers of the U.S. which creates a large tax base for the government and reduces un-employment in those highly paid professions. If these professionals are un-employed, their unemployment benefits are higher to pay by the government than the cost to subsidize the research.

3. By funding Space Development to its fullest the U.S. enters into the last frontier available for highly skilled workers of the U.S. to enter and dominate. Most of our other industries have moved to under developed countries to stay competitive. We have lost our competitive edge in the agricultural, industrial, information industries because of the reasons you are familiar with. The U.S. is still currently the dominating country in the Space industry and we need to stay there at all costs (Reference.....).

My list of comments toward the impact of the Space industry is long and exhausting. I would suggest you talk with one of your experts to verify the above comments if you do not agree with them.

My suggestion for you is as follows:

How do you create a large amount of professional jobs with the greatest impact on the tax base, economics, un-employment, technology growth, with U.S. dominance in market?

INCREASE funding in the Space Industry in a way not seen since the trip to the moon.

Make going back to the moon a **GLOBAL GOAL** with U.S. at the front.

SHORTEN the schedule to go back to the Moon so that there is **IMMEDIATE** return to the taxpayer.

CREATE public support and momentum like what President Kennedy did when announcing the U.S. going to the moon the first time.

Use **EXISTING TECHNOLOGIES** to go back to moon while New Technologies are being developed.

USE the Space Industry and all that goes with it to solve the majority of the current U.S. problems.

I have talked to a lot of people about this over the years and all agree that this would be a good course of action for our new President over many administration's but none have stepped forward to make **FUNDING** the Space program a priority.

Instead of increasing the budget for **SPACE PROGRAMS**, everyone looks at cutting NASA's budget as a way of saving money.

IF WE CAN SPENDS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR IN WARS ACROSS THIS GLOBE OR BILLIONS BAILING OUT FAILING COMPANIES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO INVEST THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY IN OUR FUTURE BY SUPPORTING THE ONLY INDUSTRY THAT CAN MAKE THE CHANGES NEEDED IN OUR SOCIETY.

Space Enthusiasts

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