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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chaka Fattah
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Wolf and Ranking Member Fattah:

I write to urge your support of the James Webb Space Telescope program in the fiscal year 2012 appropriations bill. As the replacement to the Hubble Space Telescope program, the deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope is critical to finding the first galaxies that formed in our universe. Once these galaxies are identified and properly mapped it has the potential to unlock the answers to many of science's greatest mysteries.

Due to the fact there's no other replacement program for the Hubble Space Telescope, I'm concerned about the impact the cancellation or delay of the James Webb Telescope would have on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's ability to carry out its mission. The James Webb is the only space telescope postured to lead NASA and our country into the next decade of space research and exploration.

It is essential that the United States remain on the forefront of space research. I ask for your support of NASA's request for \$530 million in fiscal year 2012 funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Israel".

Steve Israel
Member of Congress