



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

*Kent Hance, Chancellor*

March 10, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer  
1424 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

On behalf of the Texas Tech University System, I respectfully ask for your support of FY2010 funding in the amount of \$1.3M for Engineering Support for Extended Human and Robotic Space Flight Missions at Texas Tech University's Center for Advanced Intelligent Systems in Abilene, Texas.

In collaboration with researchers at Johnson Space Center and the NASA Ames Research Center, researchers in the Texas Tech University's Department of Computer Science provide engineering support for extended human and robotic space flight missions. These research efforts are consistent with current NASA initiatives in the development of the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle, Orion lunar base development, human and robotic space flight, and lunar and Martian mission goals.

Revolutionary approaches to the development of future onboard and robotic systems are needed to free humans to perform exploration, scientific, and other activities whether the humans are in space or are in ground support. Continued funding is necessary for Texas Tech to further support NASA efforts in space flight missions.

I am grateful for your assistance and truly appreciate your continued support of Texas Tech and all that you do for the great State of Texas. Please feel free to contact me if I or my staff can assist you in any way.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Hance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kent Hance

