



## NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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### **To the Men and Women of the National Guard**

On December 20, 2019, the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which formally establishes the United States Space Force as the sixth military Service, devoted to protecting our national interests and security in space. This is a historic day for our nation.

For more than 24 years the National Guard has remained a valued and loyal partner to our national security space enterprise. The missions you carry out today as Guardsmen are essential and will continue. The National Guard has always been ready and been there for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and it will now be there for the U.S. Space Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Lengyel", is positioned above the typed name.

Joseph L. Lengyel  
General, U.S. Air Force  
Chief, National Guard Bureau