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The Honorable Doc Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hastings:

On behalf of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) scientists, staff, and over 500 members of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, we would like to thank you for your kind words about LIGO during the recent passage of H.R. 1867, the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007. Your support of our program has been a critical component of our continuing success.

We would also like to thank you for the invitations you recently extended to members of the Washington delegation to visit LIGO's Hanford observatory. Our team at Hanford welcomes the opportunity to showcase LIGO's world class research and facility.

Finally, we would like to commend your staff, especially Mike Conschafter, for their hard work on behalf of LIGO. Their time and dedication are very much appreciated.

We look forward to working with you in the future as Advanced LIGO moves forward. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Marx". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jay" and "Marx" being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Jay Marx
Executive Director
LIGO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick Raab". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letters of "Frederick" and "Raab" being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Frederick Raab
Observatory Head
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