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FACT SHEET

**NASA AUTHORIZATION BILL
BIG VICTORY FOR NASA GLENN**

The NASA Authorization Act of 2005 is a major victory for NASA, Ohio, and NASA Glenn specifically.

Protects jobs:

- Rejects any reductions in force until at least March 16, 2007
- Rejects the Administration's request for a gradual drastic weakening of aeronautics research and development at NASA Glenn, which would have dramatically affected Ohio's public and private sector. Authorizes \$962 million for FY 07 and \$990 million for FY 08.
- Requires that any future efforts to reshape the workforce be made in a way that keeps aeronautics intact.

Protects the infrastructure to maintain the jobs:

- Requires the development of a national aeronautics research policy, like the Vision for Space Exploration that guides space flight development, to ensure that jobs are not cut without consideration of the nation's need for aeronautics infrastructure.
- Prevents the closing or mothballing of aeronautics testing facilities like the valuable NASA Glenn wind tunnels and propulsion facilities if they will erode NASA's ability to adhere to the National Aeronautics Policy.
- Provides for long-term basic aeronautics research and technology development that is critical to America's economy, environment, aircraft safety, and national security.
- Encourages research into several areas of strength at Glenn such as aircraft noise reduction, energy reduction, emissions reductions, fuel cell powered aircraft, and hypersonics.
- Commits to a meaningful microgravity and life sciences research capability (Requires that at least 15 percent of the spending for the International Space Station (ISS) be used for microgravity research not related to exploration programs.)