

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**TO:** Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
**FROM:** Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
**DATE:** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Full Committee Hearing: “America’s Human Presence in Low-Earth Orbit”

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On Thursday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled, “America’s Human Presence in Low-Earth Orbit.”

**Hearing Purpose**

The United States is committed to continuing its presence on and support for the International Space Station (ISS) to 2024. However, the Administration has stated its intention that direct Federal support for the ISS should end in 2025. This hearing will explore that choice, how we can determine the best policy outcome, and other essential questions about human spaceflight advanced by this discussion.

**Witnesses**

- **Mr. William Gerstenmaier**, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Directorate, NASA
- **Dr. Bhavya Lal**, Research Staff, Science and Technology Policy Institute for Defense Analysis
- **Dr. Elizabeth R. Cantwell**, CEO, Arizona State University Research Enterprise (ASURE); Professor of Practice, School for Engineering of Matter, Transport & Energy, Arizona State University.

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