

## **Coffman Implores President to Reverse Surprise NASA Move**

*Administration Decision Will Cost More Than 500 Orion Jobs In Colorado*

**(WASHINGTON)** — Today, Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) sent a letter to President Barack Obama imploring him to reverse a decision by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to force nearly \$1 billion in diversions from the already approved and appropriated Fiscal Year 2010 Constellation program. The move, in clear defiance of the language included in the 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Act, will force more than 5,000 layoffs across the country including more than 500 in Colorado.

In the letter, Coffman restated his opposition to termination of the Constellation program and expressed deep concern over the impact NASA's directive will have on the revised Orion project.

“As you know, I oppose the termination of the Constellation program. I feel as Neil Armstrong does, that this historic decision to end manned space flight by the U.S. government was “poorly advised.” Unfortunately, these recent actions will pile chaos and mismanagement on top of this already significant error.”

Coffman also noted that the decision does not actually cut overall spending and will inevitably create new inefficiencies and waste.

To view the letter, [click here](#) .

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