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- 6:15 P.M. Formal Comment Session

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1 MS. LOWE: Hello. I just want to make a quick
2 announcement. There's a lot of people here, and
3 there's less chairs than there are people. So if you
4 haven't found a chair to sit in, either here or in
5 the chairs out in the main room, you are also welcome
6 to sit over here.

7 (Comments from Private Speakers as follows, taken
8 during the Open House portion, before the beginning
9 of the meeting.)

10 MR. M.H. WOODSIDE: My name is M.H. Woodside. I
11 am with the -- President of the
12 Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce in
13 Glynn County, Georgia, and I'd like to submit a
14 statement.

15 And I would like to submit a statement in
16 support of the Spaceport project of the Camden
17 County Commission. As a former congressional aide
18 for 13 years, and head of the Chamber for 30 years,
19 I'm looking at this project to be very
20 substantially important, with a positive impact on
21 all of southeast Georgia.

22 And in examining the environmental aspects,
23 we find that it would be very positive and no
24 negative impacts to the environment of Glynn
25 County, and as far as I see, in southeast Georgia.

1 launch site called Spaceport Camden.

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3 (Note: Certain portions of Ms. Lowe's opening
4 remarks, including here, were not recorded and are
5 therefore missing from this transcript. Those
6 locations are identified as follows: "A portion of
7 Ms. Lowe's remarks were not recorded.")

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9 The goal of this public scoping meeting is to
10 provide you, as members of the public, with an
11 opportunity to help determine the major topics
12 that will be covered in the Environmental Impact
13 Statement.

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15 (Note: A portion of Ms. Lowe's remarks were not
16 recorded.)

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18 Today is Monday, December 7th, 2015, and I'd
19 like to mention a request from someone here that
20 today is Pearl Harbor Day.

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22 (Note: A portion of Ms. Lowe's remarks were not
23 recorded.)

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25 This meeting is being convened in the Community Room

1 of the Camden County Public Services Authority
2 Recreation Center which is located at 1050 Wildcat
3 Drive in Kingsland, Georgia, and it is now 6:01 p.m.
4 If we have any deaf people present, we do have some
5 seats reserved in the front of the room for them.

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7 (Note: A portion of Ms. Lowe's remarks were not
8 recorded.)

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10 MS. LOWE: ...environmental review process is
11 completed. Stacey will explain that process in her
12 comments, in a few minutes. Other aspects considered
13 in the licensing process are agreements with Air
14 Traffic, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and/or other
15 localities. Once an applicant submits a sufficiently
16 complete application, the FAA begins formal review,
17 and a formal review period, to a license
18 determination within 180 days. The posters also
19 contain information regarding the FAA licensing
20 process, and that's what was out front, for those of
21 you who had an opportunity to see that. Now here, in
22 the presentation, Stacey is going to explain the
23 environmental review process. Thank you. Stacey.

24

25 (The FAA made a presentation about its National

1 Environmental Policy Act and licensing processes
2 for the proposed Spaceport Camden. The presentation
3 was not transcribed.)

4 * * *

5 MS. LOWE: So I have one final request that I'd
6 like to make of you tonight. I know that some of you
7 may have strong opinions.

8
9 (Note: A portion of Ms. Lowe's remarks were not
10 recorded.)

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12 REPRESENTATIVE JASON SPENCER: Thank you for
13 this opportunity. Georgia is a great aerospace
14 state, with more than 800 companies and 88,000
15 workers in some aspect of the business here in
16 Georgia. We are a world leader in aerospace
17 exports, and have many of the world's leading
18 aerospace companies.

19 This is an opportunity -- this property,
20 rather, has been called the finest property in the
21 country for a fully commercial spaceport. It has
22 every single characteristic required by the
23 commercial space companies. It is remote, but not
24 too remote, with city amenities nearby that have all
25 necessary infrastructure such as roads, power, fiber

1 and water. The location is coastal, with a launch
2 capability immediately over water. It also has a
3 large area for manufacturing.

4 In the 1960s the largest rocket engine was
5 tested in Camden County, and we made history then.
6 Let's make history again by developing a
7 world class spaceport that will create the
8 competitive advantage for Georgia to become the
9 leader in the commercial space industry.

10 It is imperative that we recognize this
11 opportunity, and set a direction for Georgia as a
12 space state. Will there be risk? Yes. Will
13 there be cost? Yes. Sure. But anything
14 worthwhile has risk and cost. And the cost of
15 creating Spaceport Camden here actually is
16 relatively low when compared to the benefits that
17 we will receive.

18 We have an opportunity to become the next
19 Silicon Valley of Georgia in our southeastern
20 corner of the state. That is sometimes -- that is
21 often forgotten in Atlanta. We are poised to
22 become the next Cape Canaveral for commercial
23 space. Many years ago William Jennings Bryan
24 said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a
25 matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited

1 for; it is a thing to be achieved." We can
2 achieve this, and we no longer have to be
3 forgotten now.

4 I think the Environmental Impact Study
5 here is an absolute benefit to our community, and
6 I look forward to its results. Thank you.

7 MS. LOWE: Thank you. Okay. Next we will have
8 Sheila McNeill. No, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Rachel
9 Baldwin is next.

10 MS. RACHEL BALDWIN: Thank you. For transparency
11 purposes, I am Chairman of the Camden County Chamber
12 of Commerce. The Camden Chamber of Commerce supports
13 this effort.

14 From a personal perspective, I've been an
15 educator in Camden County for 27 years. I've
16 watched that many graduations occur in this
17 county. I've watched us graduate students, 4-,5-,
18 600 a year. I sit there and I look. Where are
19 these students going to go? I have personally
20 seen how we lose that top third. I spoke with a
21 young man a while ago who's one of our graduates
22 who's here from Atlanta. I see students all the
23 time, graduates, who really want to be in Camden
24 County and have an opportunity to work.

25 I think this is a great opportunity to

1 provide viable employment for students who come
2 from a high school that's one of the highest
3 performing high schools in the state; for a
4 school that offers students AP courses, our rich
5 menu of career and technical programs in welding,
6 law enforcement, health and medical, culinary,
7 engineering, all of those ancillary opportunities
8 that anchor industries can provide for this.

9 I know that this opportunity can be worked
10 out so that even those environmental issues can be
11 blended in with an opportunity for us to
12 cohabit and have a very great opportunity to be
13 able to raise our young people, keep them here,
14 and be able to maintain a diverse workforce that's
15 dependent on other things besides the Base. We
16 obviously need this opportunity for private
17 industry. Thank you.

18 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Ms. Baldwin. Our next
19 speaker will be Russell Reenery.

20 MR. RUSSELL REENERY: Hi.

21 MS. LOWE: Hi.

22 MR. RUSSELL REENERY: My name is Russell
23 Reenery. My wife and I own a home on Little
24 Cumberland Island. And as you might guess, we
25 have our concerns of -- it would allude to large

1 flammable objects flying over our island and
2 property, and our coastal environment. So I guess
3 that's -- I hope you appreciate that. I'll make a
4 couple of comments for the FAA's benefit, and that is
5 that there's very little in the Notice of Intent that
6 alludes to how the -- what the plans are for
7 landing spacecraft or parts of spacecraft after
8 they've been shot off. There's a reasonable
9 amount of information about what happens when it
10 goes up; there's not a lot of information about
11 what -- how it comes down and what routes, what
12 that means to exclusion areas for people to be in
13 or not, and even whether or not, if these objects
14 are actually orbiting, whether they -- they won't be
15 coming over the ocean; presumably they'll be
16 coming over the land. So that would involve us more,
17 in a more direct manner that really isn't alluded to
18 in the Notice of Intent.

19 There are also some interesting things, if
20 people want to talk afterwards about -- about how
21 that zone is calculated. The zone that is listed on
22 the information out front is an example. It's
23 not the actual zone that would necessarily be what
24 a space company applies for when they apply for
25 their secondary license, which is the time in which

1 they actually apply for where they want to point
2 the rocket. So that's an important point that is
3 often overlooked.

4 Finally, I think one thing we can all agree
5 on is that this is a, I think, a golden opportunity
6 for us all to consider and welcome the opportunity
7 to what we need to do with this property which is
8 badly contaminated from generations of industrial
9 pollution. And regardless of whether we have a
10 Spaceport or not, I hope that we use this opportunity
11 to do something about that. Thank you very much.

12 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Reenery. Okay. Our
13 next presenter will be Allen Burns. He will be
14 followed by Joe William Hannan, Joan Laurens, Jr. --
15 no, John; then Sheila McNeill. I have Mike and Lisa
16 Harris; it'll be one of the two of them, and then
17 John Wojcik. Anyway, if I mispronounce it, you'll
18 fix it when we get up. Right? Okay, Mr. Burns.

19 MR. ALLEN BURNS: Thank you. First off, I'd
20 like to thank the FAA and everybody involved in
21 the process. And I'd like to thank everybody for
22 coming out tonight. We really appreciate this.
23 It's a great turnout for Camden County and for the
24 entire coast, so thank all of y'all.

25 I'm here this evening to talk a little bit

1 about the Coastal Regional Commission. I represent
2 them, and that is a group that makes up 10
3 counties and 35 municipalities up and down the
4 coast of Georgia. We cover the entire coast of
5 Georgia. It is a public-private entity with
6 members in both. And we have submitted a
7 resolution to y'all electronically, that was
8 approved unanimously by the entire region, to
9 support this. They have very strong support for
10 this, and I have support for this. We love our
11 coast; we love our environment. This is the place we
12 want to live. This is the place I grew up and have
13 lived better part of my life in. And we're very
14 happy about this process, and about this program, and
15 going forward. We feel that this is clean, low-
16 density. It's good for Camden, it's good for the
17 region, it's good for my family.

18 But thank y'all, again, for the process, and
19 we fully support the process going forward on this.
20 Thank you.

21 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Burns. Okay, the next
22 speaker will be Joe William Hannan.

23 MR. JOE HANNAN: Good afternoon. Thank you,
24 everyone, for this opportunity, particularly the
25 FAA, Pam Underwood, and Stacey Zee, and also

1 Andrew Nelson.

2 It's a great opportunity for me to be here.
3 I watched four launches of the spacecraft going up
4 when I was a young, young man, watched two of the
5 Apollos, 12 and 13. And we all know what happened
6 with 13; Houston, there's a problem. Well, I
7 watched two of the shuttles, and watched the
8 Challenger. We all know what happened. But we've
9 got to look beyond that. I'm here just to state
10 my opinion, and I choose to use the media because
11 just speaking for me, we all just talk back and forth
12 about what we support. I support this, believe
13 me. I want to see it happen for the young people,
14 like I was when the first ship, Apollo went up. I
15 was so enthused to be a young man, a young person, a
16 young American, to see our country launching
17 something into space, and doing it well. I think
18 we can do the same thing now. But we're going to
19 do it from Camden County. I have family here. I
20 reside in Charlton County now where I'm a fireman,
21 and I love it. But I support Steve Howard and the
22 Camden County Commissioners. And I think you're
23 doing a wonderful thing. So to thank my group from
24 Charlton County, Mr. Al Grayson, Mr. Everett for
25 being here, thank you for coming, to show our

1 support for Camden County. We need this. And no
2 matter what we think or however we present this, I
3 read the Georgia Trend, John Olds, the CEO for
4 SpaceWorks -- and it was a beautiful thing. But
5 this is what got my attention -- these young kids at
6 Camden that got to sit in a mock-up of a
7 spacecraft, and these young people are ready to
8 go. So let's get on the road, then. Thank you.

9 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Hannan. Okay. The
10 next speaker will be John Laurens, Jr.

11 MR. JOHN LAURENS, JR.: Hello, folks. Thank you
12 for the opportunity to speak. Thank you for coming
13 tonight. I'm here to support both the economy, as
14 well as the Spaceport.

15 MS. LOWE: Can we pause just a second? I've
16 said earlier, please introduce yourself before you
17 get started.

18 MR. JOHN LAURENS, JR.: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 MS. LOWE: Just making sure you're the same
20 person that I called.

21 MR. JOHN LAURENS, JR.: Well, my name is John
22 Laurens. Very nice to speak to you folks tonight.

23 MS. LOWE: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. JOHN LAURENS, JR.: And I'm here to show my
25 support for Spaceport Camden as well as the local

1 environment. I'm a lifelong Georgian, and a more
2 than 12-year member of the aerospace community at
3 large.

4 What I want to implore everybody to realize
5 tonight is that this opportunity will bring billions,
6 billions of dollars to the region, as well as
7 millions of dollars of tax revenue to take care
8 of and further the environmental causes of the
9 region.

10 So in closing, I implore everyone to realize
11 that in regard to the opportunities for the economy,
12 as well as the environment, the sky is literally
13 not the limit. Thank you.

14 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Laurens. Okay, the
15 next speaker will be Sheila McNeill. She will be
16 followed by Mike or Lisa Harris, John Wojcik, Shelly
17 or Jim Renner, and Daniel D. Coty.

18 MS. SHEILA MCNEILL: Good evening. My name is
19 Sheila McNeill. I have been working in Camden County
20 for 35 years. I live in Glynn County and was born
21 there.

22 I thank you for the opportunity to talk to
23 you tonight. Camden County, as you all know, is
24 home to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, one of
25 only two strategic bases in the country. It is

1 also home for the Trident II D5 missile, where we
2 actually have rocket scientists working.

3 One of the things that we have attempted to
4 do over the years is to keep many of our military
5 members staying here in Camden County and making
6 good citizens. I'm amazed at the number of people --
7 I look out here tonight and see people that I knew
8 20 years ago in the Navy, or the Marine Corps, or
9 the Coast Guard, who stayed here. That's what we
10 would like to see. We would like to see us keep some
11 of those, provide jobs, not only for our
12 transitioning employees who have the knowledge and
13 the expertise that we need for something like the
14 Spaceport, but we keep those wonderful children, and
15 so as Rachel said, the best high school, the best
16 schools you can have, and bring them back again so
17 that they can come back, be with their families and
18 live, grow up and raise their families here. Thank
19 you very much.

20 MS. LOWE: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. McNeill.
21 So next we'll have Mike or Lisa Harris.

22 MR. MIKE HARRIS: Good evening. My name is
23 Mike Harris. I'm from Kingsland, Georgia. And
24 first of all, wow, what a turnout, and thank y'all
25 so much for turning out. The majority here I know

1 are in support of this. And it's refreshing to
2 see that kind of support. I don't think we get
3 this kind of a turnout except for football games
4 around here, so thank you very much for that.

5 We've heard about how the impact will improve
6 the economy with regards to jobs, our making
7 history here, keeping our young people by being able
8 to build more educational facilities to teach them
9 beyond their high school education, with a technical
10 college, and so on, and so forth.

11 What we also need to recognize is that this
12 is a private venture, versus a government venture.
13 Yeah, it's Camden County setting up this site, but
14 it's for private venture. So that's success
15 written all over it already, that government's
16 keeping its hands out of it. All right? So that's a
17 center for success. And if you notice, NASA
18 has been bridled. They have been limited on what
19 they can do, and they've been redirected in their
20 endeavors. Well, we should take advantage of
21 that. Russia has already said that they're going
22 to build a permanent moon base by the 2020s.

23 Folks, we need to get on board. We need to
24 be part of the future and build this launch site,
25 and let Camden be in the front of where America

1 goes in the future.

2 Yes, environmental concerns are legitimate, and
3 they should be considered; and then once they're
4 considered, we need to build this damn thing.

5 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Hayes. The next
6 person will be John Wojcik.

7 MR. JOHN WOJCIK: It's Wojcik.

8 MS. LOWE: Wojcik. Okay. I knew I was doing it
9 wrong.

10 MR. JOHN WOJCIK: Oh, that's all right. It took
11 me a while to pronounce it.

12 My name is John Wojcik, W-O-J-C-I-K. I live
13 in Camden County. I'm pro Spaceport. I have
14 concerns about contamination.

15 I have a report here from Kennedy Space
16 Center and also Cape Canaveral, where it's gonna --
17 it's estimated that in Cape Kennedy it's gonna cost
18 in the next 30 years, \$96 million to clean up that
19 mess down there. Plus, there's some contaminants
20 down at Patrick Air Force Base and also at Cape
21 Canaveral. And it's gonna cost -- the Air Force said
22 it will take another \$50 million to get the rest of
23 the cleanup at Cape Canaveral underway by 2017. At
24 least two square miles of chemical contaminants, soil
25 and groundwater, some of the plumes reaching as deep

1 as 90 feet at Kennedy at the air station where the
2 earliest rockets blasted off. I know that was the
3 early days. But it's still a concern now because
4 these motors, they put off carcinogenic materials.
5 Plus, if there is a catastrophe or a malfunction,
6 they have to use flame retardant, and there is
7 contaminants there. So I'm hoping that when they
8 do their EPA study, that they will find some way to
9 contain this stuff, because we don't need this stuff
10 in our low-lying areas here, because we're close
11 to the water and the water table. We worry about
12 dredging Kings Bay, about tapping into the aquifers.
13 But we need to think about the aquifer with this
14 stuff, too. But I'm pro Spaceport. Thank you.

15 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Wojcik. I still
16 don't think I got it right.

17 MR. JOHN WOJCIK: Yeah, you did. You did.

18 MS. LOWE: Close enough. Okay. All right. So
19 next we have Jim or Shelley Renner, then Daniel Coty,
20 then Charles McMillan, Doug Vaught, and then Jeff
21 Barker. Next up, Mr. Jim --

22 MR. JIM RENNER: Hey, I'm Jim Renner. I'm a
23 Camden County taxpayer. And Georgia has got the most
24 bountiful, wildest coast on the Eastern Seaboard.
25 And I'm not sure why we would want to put that at

1 risk by industrializing a significant portion of it,
2 potentially adversely affecting almost \$2 billion
3 in tourism, and commercial and recreational fishing
4 from temporary closures of the Intracoastal
5 Waterway, the waters offshore of Cumberland Island,
6 from evacuating Cumberland Island National Seashore.

7 Almost 50 years ago, Georgians and people
8 around the world made a historic decision to
9 protect Cumberland Island National Seashore. Prior
10 to that, they decided to protect Jekyll
11 Island for all Georgians. We want to protect the
12 things that nobody else has got. These are
13 precious resources that provide a boom to the
14 county. And so I think it's worthwhile to
15 consider what we can do to protect those and to
16 utilize those resources before we take a step that
17 would forever change that.

18 And then I'll also say, in the Environmental
19 Impact Statement, the FAA's job is not to tell us
20 whether this is a good deal for the county or not
21 economically. But many of the issues that we've
22 been talking about will have significant tax
23 implications for us in the county, including a
24 long-term contamination liability, despite whatever
25 limitations might be put into the option-to-buy

1 contract. Once the plumes mix, we're in it until
2 they go away.

3 And as far as a private company coming to
4 Camden County, that's great; I work for private
5 companies. It's fantastic. But one day they're
6 gonna find out it's cheaper to launch rockets from
7 Mongolia, and then they're gonna go. Where is
8 Union Carbide? Where is Dow Chemical? Where is
9 Bayer CropScience? We should be able to find
10 something better to do. Thanks.

11 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Renner. Okay. The
12 next speaker will be Daniel D. Coty.

13 MR. DANIEL COTY: It's R. Coty.

14 MS. LOWE: Oh, R. Sorry.

15 MR. DANIEL COTY: Good evening. My name is
16 Daniel Coty, and I am a 19-year member of the Coastal
17 Georgia Regional Commission, formerly the RDC; served
18 as Chairman for over five years.

19 Ladies and gentlemen, I have never seen
20 anything as exciting as this is. We're talking
21 about jobs, jobs and more jobs. And we're not
22 talking about \$7.25 jobs. I hope we get this
23 thing done because I want a future for my
24 grandchildren. I have six grandchildren, and I
25 would love for them to stay in this area. Thank

1 you.

2 MS. LOWE: Thank you. So the next speaker will
3 be Charles McMillan. Mr. McMillan will be followed
4 by Doug Vaught, then Jeff Barker, then Charles Ames,
5 then Edward Tracey.

6 MR. CHARLES MCMILLAN: Good evening. It's great
7 to see democracy in action, and this is what we have
8 here.

9 MS. LOWE: Remember to say your name.

10 MR. CHARLES MCMILLAN: My name is Charles
11 McMillan. I'm the Coastal Director for the Georgia
12 Conservancy. This is a large -- this is a complex
13 project. This is a complex Environmental Impact
14 Statement. I'm working with a subcommittee that
15 the Coastal Resource Commission has put -- that Allen
16 Burns has put together, subcommittee for this. I'm
17 not speaking on behalf of them. I'm be speaking on
18 behalf of the Georgia Conservancy this evening.

19 We're in discernment about pros and cons on
20 this, and we realize that we need a Georgia where
21 people, plants and animals all thrive. We realize
22 that this is an economic, large economic
23 development project.

24 The one thing I would ask the FAA to do, since
25 one of the purposes of -- the main purpose of

1 today is to raise questions. I believe the questions
2 are all gonna get asked. I mean, we have a very
3 thorough process here. But I would ask that at
4 the end, that it be brought down to non-government
5 speak, plain English that can be understood and
6 prioritized in a real cost benefit of what it
7 means, not only for the county but for southeast
8 Georgia, both from the economic benefit standpoint
9 and also from an environmental standpoint. Thank
10 you.

11 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. McMillan. Doug
12 Vaught. Did I say it wrong? Oh, there you are.
13 Yeah.

14 MR. DOUG VAUGHT: Is the Camden Commission here?
15 I want to give them a round of applause for the
16 work they've done, and Steve Howard. They've done a
17 great job. Fantastic job.

18 I'm here as the film commissioner. Also, I
19 want to --

20 MS. LOWE: State your name.

21 MR. DOUG VAUGHT: Doug Vaught.

22 MS. LOWE: Thank you.

23 MR. DOUG VAUGHT: V-A-U-G-H-T. Not Vote, but --

24 MS. LOWE: Yeah.

25 MR. DOUG VAUGHT: -- it works.

1 MS. LOWE: Okay. Got it.

2 MR. DOUG VAUGHT: The PSA, thank you guys for
3 doing that. And may I applaud the budget you have
4 for air conditioning? So everybody's having a good
5 time shivering.

6 But as far as films go, we've been very
7 fortunate here. And the excitement that will be
8 generated by having this Spaceport out here, which is
9 -- it's astronomical, to use one of their terms. And
10 yesterday we had the Public Broadcast Company down
11 at the train rides, and they were excited. But when
12 I mentioned about the Spaceport and started
13 talking about Star Wars, they got that much more
14 excited. So I'm just telling you how much filming
15 would be done here for that.

16 The other side of that is that I'm also the
17 President of the Merchants Association. And when
18 we start thinking about environmental impact, one
19 of our most endangered species in Camden County is
20 the business owner. How many of you have seen
21 businesses come and go? And we need to think about
22 that, too.

23 But good work. We appreciate you guys being
24 here, and thank you all.

25 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Vaught. Okay. Jeff

1 Barker will be followed by George Ames, and then
2 Edward Tracer, Ashby Nix Worley, and then Jacqueline
3 Eichhorn.

4 MR. JEFF BARKER: Thank you. Good evening. My
5 name is Jeff Barker, and I reside at 905 Riverview
6 Place in St. Marys.

7 I've been a resident of St. Marys for 34 of
8 the past 36 years. I came to St. Marys in 1979,
9 fresh out of college with a degree in Pulp and
10 Paper Science and Engineering, and began my career
11 as a process engineer with the Gilman Paper Company,
12 at the time the largest employer in Camden County.

13 Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base was also just
14 ramping up at the time, and some of the folks, I
15 remember them talking about it. They were
16 concerned about the negative impact that the base
17 would have in our small community. However, most
18 of these concerns were never realized. In fact,
19 the base at Kings Bay has had many far-reaching
20 positive impacts on our community and in our
21 region.

22 Gilman Paper Company began operations in the
23 early 1940s. And just as with the Naval base,
24 some folks at the time were concerned about the
25 negative impact that the paper mill would have on

1 their small community. However, Gilman Paper
2 Company provided the economic boost and stability
3 that significantly increased the quality of life
4 for many families over the following 60 years.

5 The paper mill closed in 2002 for a variety
6 of reasons; primarily, though, due to a new global
7 economy. The world had changed, and the paper mill
8 was no longer competitive. Thank goodness for the
9 base, and the booming housing market which led our
10 local economy until the stock market crash of 2008.

11 Like most of the country, our local economy
12 was hit hard in 2008, and like most, our recovery
13 has been slow. As 2015 comes to a close, things
14 are starting to look up. Camden County has become
15 more proactive in developing a diverse and
16 sustainable economy. The Spaceport is part of that
17 movement.

18 I believe that the Spaceport has potential to
19 serve as the cornerstone of a new, diverse and
20 not-so-distant future economy, along with Kings
21 Bay Navy Base and many other service providers in the
22 region. Yes, some folks are concerned, as folks
23 always are when it comes to change. Change is
24 unsettling, but change is constant. Life's not
25 static; we are either moving forward or moving

1 backward.

2 I'm encouraged by the thoroughness and
3 thoughtfulness with which Steve Howard and his group
4 are approaching the project. I'm also encouraged
5 with the process. I believe the Spaceport offers
6 us a tremendous opportunity to move our economy
7 forward.

8 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Barker.

9 MR. JEFF BARKER: Thank you.

10 MS. LOWE: Thank you. So the next speaker will
11 be George Ames.

12 MR. GEORGE AMES: Good evening. I'm going to
13 make this short and sweet. I'd like to tell
14 everybody all the stories about how I've seen the
15 environment destroyed, where you can't eat the crabs
16 and the clams. There are no fish from Connecticut
17 all the way down to Florida.

18 And for all those of you that are in favor of
19 this -- oh, yeah, it's going to create jobs. Just
20 Google "environmental impact of Cape Canaveral on
21 Florida". And you will be amazed at how
22 detrimental it is for that fuel, the amount of
23 fuel, when it explodes, sends something up into the
24 air that potentially that has to be destroyed because
25 it goes off-path, right near a nuclear submarine

1 base. It's beyond me. So when people say hey, we've
2 got to create jobs -- you want this to be like Yulee,
3 you want this to be like Savannah, you want this
4 to be like Philadelphia? Okay. Everybody backs
5 this. 'It's a great idea, oh, my God,' you know,
6 just Google "environmental impact Cape Canaveral of
7 Florida", and then ask yourselves if that's what you
8 want here.

9 My heart goes out to those people who live on
10 Cumberland Island. Okay? They're here because of
11 the beauty. I came here because of the fishing,
12 the hunting, the beauty in nature. If this is too
13 rural for you, go somewhere else. I came here
14 from a city-like environment, because I wanted rural.
15 Thank you very much.

16 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Ames. Edward Tracey,
17 who will be followed by Ashby Nix Worley, Jacqueline
18 Eichhorn, and Jeffrey Tebo, maybe. Thank you.

19 MR. EDWARD TRACEY: Hi, my name is Edward
20 Tracey. My wife Angie and I moved to Camden County
21 just in the past year.

22 I think this is an exciting project. I think
23 that the county fathers and mothers who have been
24 working on this, we have to give them a lot of
25 credit. But we owe a future to our children and

1 grandchildren. We know the economic impact across
2 this country over the past few years has just been
3 devastating to anywhere where you may have lived,
4 or came from, and anywhere you may be going. And
5 we need to build something that provides jobs,
6 that provides an economy, that provides a life for
7 the future of our children and grandchildren. And
8 once again, space can lead the way. And I think
9 this is a phenomenal project. I support it
10 wholeheartedly. Thank you.

11 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Tracey. Ashby Nix
12 Worley.

13 MS. ASHBY NIX WORLEY: Thank you for this
14 opportunity. My name is Ashby Nix Worley with
15 Satilla Riverkeeper. We're a nonprofit organization
16 that's been around for over 10 years protecting,
17 restoring, and educating about your Satilla River.

18 Of course, you know, being a carer of the
19 Satilla River -- many of you use the Satilla River
20 every day -- we want to make sure that that's a clean
21 resource for us all. So, of course, we have lots
22 of questions and concerns that we will be
23 submitting to the FAA via email. But I wanted to
24 take the opportunity to just say that we do have
25 concerns about the existing contamination at the

1 site. We know that there is some known contamination
2 with hazardous landfills, and contaminated
3 groundwater, other soils, and that's what we know
4 of. There may be other material out there that we
5 don't know of yet. And so we have concerns about
6 how this, a potential Spaceport might impact those
7 contaminated areas that are lying right next door,
8 if not right on top of existing contamination.
9 And we are concerned about the river. We are
10 concerned about your waters, your groundwater,
11 your surface waters, community's health, public's
12 health. And we want to make sure that those are
13 addressed fully in the Environmental Impact
14 Statement. We want to make sure that any sort of
15 launches or landings that impact these are well
16 assessed, and we want to make sure that the public
17 is being protected, as well as your Satilla River
18 so that you can continue to use it in the future
19 as you're able to do today. Thank you for the
20 opportunity.

21 MS. LOWE: Thank you. Okay. The next
22 speaker will be Jacqueline Eichhorn.

23 MS. JACQUELINE EICHHORN: Thank you. I'm Jackie
24 Eichhorn, and I live in Harrietts Bluff. Because
25 I live there, I think I have more concerns than

1 maybe some of you in the room. It's going to
2 affect our lives more fully than most of the rest
3 of you, just like the people on Cumberland Island
4 and Little Cumberland Island.

5 One of the things people are hoping with
6 this, I think, for our region, is that it's going
7 to bring a lot of high-paying jobs, that they're
8 going to provide jobs for our children and allow
9 them to stay in the county. That may happen, and
10 it may not. In many of the places where
11 spaceports are being built, it has not been as
12 profitable as people had hoped. The Mid-Atlantic
13 Regional Spaceport has been in operation now for
14 eight years and has only had twelve launches in
15 that period of time. Two of those launches were
16 failures, and the last launch, which was a
17 failure, was a large explosion. That's a
18 17% failure rate. So I think that's
19 something we have to consider. We want things to
20 be very good for our community, but we also want
21 to be very careful.

22 It might make it difficult for people to
23 visit Cumberland Island. People have to make
24 reservations a long time in advance. That's going
25 to be very difficult with the uncertainty of

1 launch periods. So if we lost that to gain the
2 Spaceport, it would be very sad for the community.

3 I just hope all of you will weigh the issues
4 carefully, and not be so carried away by what you
5 think will be the positive aspects that you lose
6 sight of what might be very, very detrimental
7 aspects. Thank you very much.

8 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Ms. Eichhorn. We do have
9 some empty seats at the front of the room. These are
10 seats that we had reserved for the people that were
11 hearing impaired, and it looks like we're not going
12 to need them. So if people want to sit down, come on
13 up, filter up. Okay. So Jeffrey -- I'm thinking
14 it's Tebo; I could be wrong, followed by Jack Gross,
15 and then Joe or Savannah Suniga, and Dwight
16 McCollough.

17 MR. JEFFREY TEBO: You're correct; it's Jeffrey
18 Tebo. I'm Jeffrey Tebo. I live in St. Marys. And
19 of course, I want to thank the FAA for giving us this
20 opportunity for public comments. And I'm speaking in
21 support of the Spaceport project. I'll be speaking
22 to the purpose, need, and the proposed action itself.

23 I've recently retired from a county in
24 central Florida where I worked for 35-plus years
25 in County government for elected officials that

1 were responsible for providing services to their
2 constituencies and to the citizens of their
3 county. I've seen counties, and adjoining counties,
4 and city municipalities struggle to provide these
5 services because of lack of funding through ad
6 valorem taxation. And obviously a project like this
7 will loosen our county, Camden County's resources
8 and, of course, the resources through its cities and
9 regions, the region here in southeast Georgia.

10 The economic impact will help not only to
11 provide jobs but also bring clean industry to our
12 county and with that, most importantly, security to
13 our community.

14 My wife and I have had the opportunity to
15 drive out and look at the proposed launch site.
16 And I can think of no better way to repurpose that
17 property than to build that Spaceport there.

18 I want to thank Steve Howard, our County
19 Administrator, for the communication that he's had
20 with us, and his staff for keeping this a transparent
21 process. And I want to commend the County
22 Commissioners for their visioning and their courage
23 to see this project through. Thank you.

24 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Tebo. Next up, we'll
25 have Jack Gross.

1 MR. JACK GROSS: My name is Jack Gross. I
2 live at 21 Lanier Avenue in Kingsland, which is
3 actually in the county. I've lived here all my
4 life, except when I went away to college for four
5 years.

6 And the people in this community love this
7 area. They love Camden County, whether you're a
8 newcomer or whether you've lived here all your
9 life, like me. And we are excited by this Spaceport
10 opportunity. I want to commend the County
11 Commissioners and Steve Howard for the job they've
12 done to get us to this point.

13 When the paper company closed down in '02, it
14 devastated small business owners. I mean, it
15 devastated small business owners. We desperately
16 need industry in this county. If you look at our
17 county compared with other counties in the state
18 and the region, our percentage of industrial
19 development is very, very small. Now, we have
20 lots of industrial development, but it's on the
21 Navy base. And we're grateful for the jobs and
22 what you've done for our county, but the Navy base
23 doesn't pay any property taxes.

24 We love Cumberland Island. We're grateful
25 that the National Park Service is preserving it. But

1 Cumberland Island doesn't pay any property taxes.
2 Therefore, the burden of running this county is on
3 the homeowners, and the landowners, and the small
4 business people.

5 And our taxes have gone up quite a bit over
6 the last 10 or 15 years. I decided because the
7 Spaceport can help our economy; it can give our
8 children who are educated in an excellent public
9 school system, can give them the opportunity to
10 come back here and get a job if they choose to.
11 It'll also help broaden our tax base. Instead of
12 just having a small group of small business people
13 and property owners pay the taxes, industry can
14 help pay the taxes.

15 I support the Spaceport, and I appreciate
16 everybody turning up tonight. Thank you.

17 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Gross. The next name
18 on my list is Joe and Savannah Suniga. Suniga?

19 MS. SAVANNAH SUNIGA: Suniga. You got it.

20 MS. LOWE: Yeah.

21 MS. SAVANNAH SUNIGA: Yeah.

22 MS. LOWE: Okay.

23 MS. SAVANNAH SUNIGA: Most people butcher it.
24 That was good. Hi, my name is Savannah Suniga. Me
25 and my husband have lived here the last six, seven

1 years, with a recent move to Idaho when he got out of
2 the Navy.

3 We came back to Camden County for a job, but
4 not a job in Camden County, a job in Jacksonville.
5 We chose to live in Camden County because it's a
6 beautiful place. It's a lovely place to raise our
7 children, the crime rate is low, excellent schools.
8 What more can you ask for? Industry, business,
9 that's what you can ask for. What good is the beauty
10 of Camden County, if no one can afford to live here?
11 It doesn't matter what business we have here, what
12 beauty we have here if your gallon of milk goes up
13 \$2 every month because the cost of living. If I
14 don't have a job, you know, I'm not gonna stay here.
15 I don't stay here, I'm not spending my money to go
16 see Cumberland Island. I'm not paying my taxes to
17 keep our schools great. What good does any of
18 that matter, if at the end of the day nobody lives
19 here? If nobody can afford to live here; no one's
20 gonna live here. And I don't want to see that. I
21 have two small children, and I love Camden County.

22 I grew up in a place in Tennessee, a very small,
23 rural city that died out slowly and slowly, more and
24 more every year because they refused business; they
25 refused industry. And while it's a beautiful place

1 to see, it's not a great place to live. And at the
2 end of the day, that's what matters, is if you have a
3 great place to live. And the industry economy is a
4 big part of that. So think about that, please.

5 Thank you.

6 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Ms. Suniga. Dwight
7 McCollough. Mr. McCollough will be followed by Clay
8 Montague, and Jim or Gina Stein, and then Michael
9 Clements.

10 MR. DWIGHT MCCOLLOUGH: Yes, my name is Dwight
11 McCollough. I was born and raised here in Camden
12 County. I am a property owner at Harrietts Bluff
13 area. I will be impacted by the launch site.

14 I do a lot of reading. I've been reading
15 about the Wright brothers, Alexander Graham Bell,
16 and others. And to the person, each one had
17 naysayers. Their inventions were considered
18 useless. They were considered -- nobody would
19 ever need this thing. The Wright brothers had
20 people screaming, "It'll scare our animals, it'll
21 scare our cows, it'll scare our horses; the chickens
22 won't lay." We hear the same type of stuff from the
23 environmental groups now about the coons, the
24 deer, the birds. "It'll scare 'em, they won't lay,
25 they'll get off their nests." We don't know what

1 the future holds. We don't know if these rockets
2 will be something that we really use in the
3 future. But people said we couldn't use an
4 airplane; it was useless; it had no practical
5 purpose. I read on the telephone, "Why would you
6 want a telephone to talk to a person in the next
7 room, when you can get up and talk to him through the
8 door? Why would you need such a thing?" We now
9 have satellite TV. We used to have a TV, we had to
10 hook you up from Jacksonville. Now the TV stations
11 in Jacksonville are screaming about how satellite TV
12 will put them out of business. When I first started
13 watching satellite, you had to get written permission
14 from a TV station in Jacksonville to watch it from a
15 satellite. I mean, we don't know what the future
16 will bring. Technology is here. I'm fully in
17 support of this.

18 MS. LOWE: Clay Montague.

19 MR. CLAY MONTAGUE: I'm Clay Montague. I live
20 on Hazard's Neck in the northern part of Camden
21 County.

22 I'm Chairman of the Environmental Issues
23 Subcommittee of the Spaceport Camden Steering
24 Committee. And the subcommittee was formed by the
25 Camden County Board of Commissioners in October.

1 Our goal right now is to help represent local
2 environmental concerns that can be addressed by
3 the Environmental Impact Statement. We are
4 writing questions for environmental professionals
5 to answer, that are based on the concerns we hear
6 about. We will submit a list to you, the FAA, by
7 the end of the public scoping period, slated to
8 end on January 4th.

9 We expect some of the questions to be easily
10 answered, and others may be irrelevant for reasons
11 that you, the FAA, will give. But some may
12 require substantial research and analysis to
13 answer. When the Draft Environmental Impact
14 Statement comes out down the road, we will review
15 it to see how these questions were addressed.

16 Subcommittee members are here with name tags
17 like this one (indicating). And we are listening,
18 and what is said here will stimulate additional
19 question writing.

20 We think our efforts will help smooth the EIS
21 process towards producing facts that are locally
22 meaningful. We can then help to disseminate the
23 information contained in the Environmental Impact
24 Statement when it comes out.

25 If anyone has questions for me, please see me

1 after the meeting or contact me in the coming days.
2 And I can be reached by email. And the address is on
3 my nametag, cmontague@spaceportcamden.us.

4 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Montague. Next, I
5 have Jim or Gina Stein, then Michael Clements, then
6 Dave Southern, then Jimmy White.

7 MR. JIM STEIN: My name is Jim Stein. I'm an
8 attorney. I've been here in Camden County for 42
9 years.

10 During that period of time I've seen the
11 good, the bad, and the ugly. I've watched our
12 merchants go down the tube. I know what Jack
13 Gross said. Our tax digest is out of control. We
14 need relief. I see our students leaving, as
15 Rachel Baldwin said, going to other areas of the
16 country and working. And here in Camden County we
17 have everything that we need in order to provide
18 for them, the jobs.

19 I am not concerned about the environment
20 because I think we can learn from what we have
21 heard about other places and other areas. We have
22 the technology, we've got have the ability. We have
23 the capability of making this a good and viable
24 thing.

25 This is an opportunity for us to have the

1 prosperity that this county deserves. It's an
2 opportunity for our families to be able to live
3 here and thrive once again. It's an opportunity
4 for us to have all the things that we deserve here
5 in Camden County.

6 And I want to tell you one thing. For those
7 that say things are getting better, there were
8 only a few lifeboats on the Titanic. We don't want
9 that to happen here. We want to survive, and we
10 want to have the things that everyone else has.
11 We want to have the quality of living that this
12 community deserves. And I know with the
13 technology we have today we can achieve that. We
14 have space for space. Thank you.

15 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Stein. Next up is
16 Michael Clements.

17 MR. MICHAEL CLEMENTS: Hello, I'm Michael
18 Clements. I am a mechanical engineer and a product
19 of Camden High School, where my mother still teaches
20 math.

21 Camden County needs this spaceport. The
22 industry is moving forward, and that's inevitable.
23 We can either be part of it, or not. But I don't
24 want to look back in five years and see Glynn,
25 McIntosh or Liberty County thriving because of an

1 opportunity that we let pass us by.

2 Being from Camden County means something to
3 me. We have a great high school; we have an
4 awesome football team; we have a valuable military
5 presence, and wonderful people really from all
6 over. Now we have a chance to add industry
7 leaders, visionaries, and thriving job market to
8 that list. I'd like to see that happen.

9 How wonderful would it be if our best and
10 brightest could come back home with their
11 engineering degrees, computer science degrees, et
12 cetera, and apply that knowledge here in Camden
13 County and invest in our community? I'd like to
14 see that happen, too.

15 But you know what I'd really like to see
16 happen? I like for us to not rest on our laurels.
17 We already have a successful history here in town
18 with combining technological industry with
19 environmental and historical preservation, and
20 Camden County can do it again.

21 So let's make new history. Let's make
22 history by building the future. Let's make
23 history by building the Spaceport and investing in
24 the long-term future of the great Camden County.
25 Thank you.

1 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Clements. Next up is
2 Dave Southern. He will be followed by Jimmy
3 Starline, and then Gary Blount.

4 MR. DAVE SOUTHERN: Good evening. My name is
5 Dave Southern. I live in St. Marys. And I want to
6 talk about the process, but not the process from
7 the County viewpoint or the FAA, I want to talk
8 about the process with us, and make sure that
9 we're doing the right thing in terms of getting a
10 good decision regarding the Spaceport.

11 And I'm concerned that the discussions
12 surrounding the Spaceport project are already
13 beginning to deteriorate some into another one of
14 those divisive, polarizing slugfests that will
15 serve no purpose for anybody. The EIS process is
16 our opportunity to examine factual information
17 that should lead our decision-makers to logical
18 and productive conclusions. If the conversations
19 and research are conducted properly, those
20 conclusions will either result in a new era of
21 economic boom for Camden County reminiscent of
22 when the Navy came to town, and is likely to change
23 our lives for the better. Or our leaders will
24 decide the concept is not a good fit for Camden
25 County for reasons based on facts and intelligent

1 considerations. Either way, we cannot afford to
2 miss an opportunity that may never present itself
3 again.

4 I believe we have a great deal of information
5 based on history derived from existing
6 installations in Florida and Virginia, and that
7 history is not supporting some of the fears being
8 expressed from some quarters. Now is not the time
9 to present worst-case scenarios expressed in
10 inflammatory language. Now is the time to work
11 our way through the facts we have at our disposal,
12 and examine them in an intelligent and rational
13 manner. Then we can make sound decisions based on
14 what we know, not what we imagine could possibly
15 happen if everything in a launch went haywire all
16 at the same time.

17 Let's make an effort to tone down the
18 rhetoric, and make good use of a proven process
19 like the EIS. Thank you.

20 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Southern. Next up is
21 Jimmy Starline.

22 MR. JIMMY STARLINE: Good evening. My name is
23 Jimmy Starline. I'm a citizen, property owner,
24 taxpayer, and voter in Camden County.

25 First thing I'd like to say is I am really

1 thrilled that we've got a turnout like we have
2 here tonight.

3 The next thing is, I don't know how I can add
4 anything to what the previous speakers have said.
5 I'll just say that I fully support this project.
6 Thank you.

7 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Starline. Next we'll
8 have Gary Blount, followed by Charles Clark, followed
9 by Douglas Cooper.

10 MR. GARY BLOUNT: My name is Gary Blount. And
11 like Mr. Starline and the rest of 'em, I'm a
12 resident, taxpayer, property owner, also one of your
13 five commissioners. I think my support of this
14 endeavor is quite evident.

15 But I'd like to speak to you as a father, a
16 husband, a brother, an uncle, a friend, as
17 someone who lives here and moved here, and who
18 plans to stay here. All the concerns that
19 everyone have, I can assure the commissioners all
20 take very seriously. We do not take any of these
21 lightly. And I applaud this process, and I
22 appreciate enormously the turnout. We questioned
23 what kind of turnout it would be, and I think this
24 is really great, pro and con. I mean, you know,
25 we need, we want all of the input. And we've invited

1 that from the very beginning, which is evident by
2 committees, and actions that we've taken to make
3 this as transparent and open to the public as
4 possible. We all want to move Camden County
5 forward, and we all want to keep our children
6 here. I've got two grown boys who moved away for
7 opportunity, a stepdaughter who's moved off away,
8 for opportunity. I'd like to keep them here. I'd
9 like to grow the tax base. But none of us are
10 trying to do that at the expense of Camden
11 County's environment, and the beauty, and the
12 resources that we have. You know, all those
13 things are being truly considered. And I want to
14 know that I, as that person, the father and the
15 uncle, I fully supported this project. And thank
16 you.

17 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Blount. Charles
18 Clark.

19 MR. CHARLES CLARK: First of all, I reckon I was
20 the only one who wore my shirt tonight so y'all know
21 who I am. But three years ago, four years ago,
22 maybe, when we started this adventure, as I called
23 it, I had to ask myself, is this for real? Can we
24 really accomplish this in Camden County? You know,
25 we hear pipe dreams, we hear different negative and

1 positive. Well, you had to sit by, and it just
2 happened when all our children, all our young
3 people were here from Camden County in the summer.
4 And they'd come to me and they said, "Mr. Chuck, how
5 can you help us get home?" So I started asking. I
6 asked Buck and Liz Johnson. I asked more friends
7 than I have. And I said, "What is our concern -- to
8 get our children back? What is one of our concerns
9 here in Camden County?" Well, we're like everybody
10 else; that digest is dropping. We all know that. We
11 realize that. This is an opportunity to bring our
12 young folks home, and to create that digest that we
13 need to have the quality of life, not that we
14 want, but that we deserve here in Camden County.
15 We deserve the quality of life that we have had for
16 years. But we can't do it, and this is a real
17 reality, this is reality -- with a digest falling
18 like it is, we can't do it. We have got to bring
19 people in this community that will help support
20 our digest and to perform the quality of life that
21 we need. And I'm supporting it. Thank you.

22 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Clark. Did I miss
23 you?

24 MS. TERRI KELLER: I think, I guess so.

25 MS. LOWE: I missed you?

1 MS. TERRI KELLER: I think so.

2 MS. LOWE: Okay. What's your name?

3 MS. TERRI KELLER: Terri Keller.

4 MS. LOWE: I don't think I've called you yet.

5 MS. TERRI KELLER: Oh, no.

6 MS. LOWE: Oh, okay.

7 MS. TERRI KELLER: Oh, I thought this was a
8 place we could come sit.

9 MS. LOWE: Oh, okay. Have you registered to
10 speak?

11 MS. TERRI KELLER: Yes, Ma'am.

12 MS. LOWE: Okay. I will call you, then, in
13 order, okay. I'm sorry.

14 MS. TERRI KELLER: I have one card without a
15 checkmark, and one with one.

16 MS. LOWE: Okay. Thanks. I'm sorry. Okay.
17 Douglas Cooper.

18 MR. DOUGLAS COOPER: My name is Doug Cooper.
19 I'm a small business owner here in Camden County.
20 And in the spirit of transparency similar to Rachel,
21 I'm also the Vice Chairman for the Small Business
22 Development for Camden County Chamber of Commerce.
23 In that role I do a lot of work and a lot of
24 communicating with our small business owners here,
25 what we need, you know, how do we get better, what do

1 we improve on. Bottom line is we need jobs. We need
2 viable head of household income for Camden County.
3 And we need to diversify our tax base, just like
4 you've heard recently. So obviously, I support, you
5 know, Spaceport Camden.

6 And you know, it's pretty obvious. I look, and
7 I study, and I see a lot of these things. I hear a
8 lot of the negative impact stuff, you know,
9 statements. But I also understand that modern
10 industry has learned a lot. We've learned from our
11 mistakes. And modern industry can and does, you
12 know, cohabitate with the environment on an everyday
13 basis, and we can do that here in Camden.

14 We all love Camden. Nobody's here trying
15 to destroy why we moved here and why we stay here.
16 After 26 years in the Navy, I stayed here for a
17 reason. I don't want that reason to go away.

18 When I think about Camden County in the
19 business side, I recall a line out of a movie I'm
20 sure you've all seen. It's kind of funny, Julia
21 Roberts talking to Richard Gere in Pretty Woman.
22 She tells him, "So you don't make anything. You
23 don't build anything." Well, Camden County, we
24 need to make this, we need to build this, we need
25 Spaceport Camden. That's all I have.

1 MS. LOWE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Cooper.
2 John Morrissey.

3 MR. JOHN MORRISSEY: Very good, thank you. John
4 Morrissey, and I'm here as a private citizen. Some
5 of you may know me, but I am here as a private
6 citizen.

7 And what I'd like to say is, first of all, to
8 the FAA, and part of its consideration in it will be
9 examining the short and the long-term impacts of
10 this Environmental Impact Study as it looks at the
11 whole rocket program that it is to proceed over
12 the next 25 or 50 years. And I anticipate that will
13 be the process.

14 And as part of that, the reason I ask is that
15 it's anticipated that the footprint for the Spaceport
16 will be anywhere from 50 to 250 acres. And the
17 plan was to have a considerable conservancy of
18 land, with multiple thousands of acres, from what I
19 understand, the county will provide in the way of a
20 buffer but also as a conservancy for all of that
21 beautiful property that's out there.

22 And what I have discovered in some recent
23 travels is the immensurable increase in
24 population. And we heard the word "density" here. I
25 just came from Bluffton, and in Bluffton they're

1 dealing with a new development called Palmetto
2 Bluff, an enormous development of 4,000 homes that
3 is going to be adjacent to Bluffton over time.
4 And the question will be, what if we don't build
5 this spaceport? What will happen to the properties
6 adjacent to where the Dow Chemical and Union
7 Carbide property, how will that be developed, will
8 it be developed and by whom? Is it not good to
9 have some control over our destiny? I ask the
10 FAA to ask themselves, and investigate the question
11 of: What is the long-term impact if there is no
12 spaceport? What will be the property impact when
13 we look at development of that property? Will it
14 stay the way it is, or will it become something
15 else that we may not want to see? So we have to ask
16 ourselves the question. Thank you.

17 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Morrissey. Jim
18 Durham.

19 MR. JIM DURHAM: I'm Jim Durham. I'm gonna
20 waive my time, and I'm going to be a first tonight.

21 MS. LOWE: I'm sorry?

22 MR. JIM DURHAM: I'm gonna waive my time.

23 MS. LOWE: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Durham, for
24 letting us know. The next person, then, will be
25 Frank Drane. And he will be followed by Frank

1 Freyer, and then Matt Ellis.

2 MR. FRANK DRANE: My name is Frank Drane. I
3 have been residing here in St. Marys for about nine
4 years, moved here from Atlanta, Georgia, previously
5 from Kentucky.

6 I'm very much in support of this Spaceport
7 project. In more than probably 40 years of
8 practicing law -- and since I've been living here for
9 nine years to be close to my daughter who's in
10 Florida, I've had many conversations with a lot of
11 the folks whose children have left, and I see this as
12 an opportunity to get these children back.

13 In the course of those conversations, I've had
14 somewhat arguments with some folks about what type
15 of industry we should have here, if we should have
16 this type of industry, or light industry. And I
17 always asked the question, because I was part of
18 the Relocation, I was an attorney for a Relocation
19 Team on the plants, and we'd always ask -- the first
20 question we would ask: Why do we want to go to that
21 place? Is there a market share? Is it logistics, or
22 what it is. And I would ask people, when they asked
23 me, when they would talk to me about, "Well, we need
24 a plant here. We need to have this plant." And I
25 said, "Why would they come? What type of plant do

1 you think is gonna come here?" And I submit that
2 there's nothing here that will pull the type of
3 industry that so many people are asking for, for
4 their environment. But what we have the opportunity
5 now is to have an industry that will put this
6 community on an international scale to make it a
7 target location, from all over the world, from
8 industry. It will already have such a unique
9 location, it will be the envy of almost every
10 community in this country. And to pass up this
11 opportunity is a terrible mistake. I think we have
12 the technology, we have the skills to address all the
13 environmental things.

14 David Southern, I'm in total agreement with
15 what he said. And I think the process should move
16 just as David Southern had talked about earlier
17 this evening. Thank you.

18 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Drane. Next up is
19 Fred Freyer, who will be followed by Matt Ellis, and
20 then Shawna Williams.

21 MR. FRED FREYER: Good evening. I'm Fred
22 Freyer, landowner in Camden County and 50 years of
23 experience in commercial real estate.

24 First I want to thank Steve Howard and the
25 Board of Commissioners here for the guts and the

1 vision of taking on this project. I mean, I don't
2 know if all of us can realize the dynamics of
3 that. And it's just astounding to me that the
4 County is willing to take this thing on. And I'm
5 very much for it.

6 I was doing real estate business in Atlanta
7 in the late 70s. And I'm reminded of
8 Gwinnett County. It was kind of the way Camden is
9 right now. But Western Electric proposed a plant
10 at the corner of Jimmy Carter Boulevard and I-85.
11 And this plant went in with 2,500 employees, and it
12 transformed the whole northeast corridor of
13 Atlanta.

14 Ladies and gentlemen, this Spaceport has
15 got to happen. I truly believe it will happen,
16 and it's going to transform not only Camden County,
17 but Glynn County and the whole coast of Georgia.
18 And it's something that we've got to all work
19 together to make happen. Thank you.

20 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Freyer. Next up we
21 have Matt Ellis.

22 MR. MATT ELLIS: My name is Matt Ellis. I live
23 right off of Harrietts Bluff Road. I've lived
24 there a good part of my life.

25 I would really love to see the Spaceport

1 come. My family not long ago were down on Merritt
2 Island. We were right on the beach, right beside
3 the launch pads, a very beautiful place, a lot of
4 endangered species. You could see down there that
5 the environment can work beside the Spaceport very
6 well.

7 I've really enjoyed the space aspect of it,
8 too. I have watched launches down there. I know
9 people have talked about noise concern. We're
10 probably, we're as close as Harrietts Bluff is
11 to where the Bayer CropScience plant is, did not
12 hear hardly any noise. I don't really see where
13 it's going to be a large problem. Even if they
14 launch 12 launches per year, even if you hear any
15 noise, it's not going to last long. That thing's
16 gonna get up and be gone quick.

17 As far as a lot of the environmental
18 concerns, I've worked at the Bayer
19 CropScience plant. My dad worked out there; my
20 grandfather actually worked out there, as
21 contractors. I worked at other plants that deal
22 with chemicals, and I'll tell you what, they get
23 serious when it comes to spills and stuff like
24 that. For us to spill anything is a good way for
25 us to get kicked off the plant quick. It's

1 not like it was 50 or 75 years ago. They take a
2 lot of time to make sure everything is taken care
3 of, and that nothing is contaminated. So -- and that
4 site out there, I'll be honest with you, in my
5 lifetime, they have been extremely serious about
6 keeping things off the ground. They take a lot of
7 care for the environment.

8 I would have no problem living on that site
9 right now. So I just -- running out of time, but
10 I would like to say I'm very much in support for
11 the site. Thank you.

12 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Ellis. Shawna
13 Williams --

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Pass.

15 MS. LOWER: -- will be followed by J.R. Burns,
16 and then Charlie Smith.

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: Shawna Williams passed.

18 MS. LOWE: I'm sorry?

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Shawna Williams passed.

20 MS. LOWE: She's gone?

21 FEMALE SPEAKER: She's passing.

22 MS. LOWE: Oh, passing. I thought you were
23 saying she'd passed. Sorry. Okay.

24 MALE SPEAKER: She froze to death.

25 MS. LOWE: I'm sorry. Okay. So we have J.R.

1 Burns, then Charlie Smith, then Robert Rudolf
2 (phonetic).

3 MR. J.R. BURNS: Good evening. I'm J.R.
4 Burns, Second Street Development. I've been here
5 five and a half years. Before that, I was here
6 buying and selling property for approximately six
7 years.

8 I am in favor of the Spaceport, and I think
9 we all should have -- I hope we all will sit down
10 and look this over, have an open mind, and
11 promote quality growth, pro quality growth to
12 improve the lives that we have today, the lives
13 of our children tomorrow, and a growing, thriving
14 Camden County. Thank you.

15 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Burns. Okay, Charlie
16 Smith, then Robert Rudolf, then M.H. Woodside.

17 MR. CHARLIE SMITH: I'm Charlie Smith, Jr. I'm
18 a life-long resident of Camden County. My
19 family has been here over a hundred years. I love
20 this place.

21 I'd like to talk just for a minute about a
22 matter of perspective. Folks have talked about
23 several concerns they've got, and I've heard
24 several somewhat slightly different concerns in
25 the media, and on the Internet, and emails and so on.

1 We need to put this all, I think, a little bit in
2 perspective. On the issue of damage to human
3 beings, injuries and death, well, listen, I don't
4 think it's been mentioned tonight, but it's been
5 mentioned elsewhere. I looked on the Internet,
6 and I found that 43 people are killed on an
7 average year in the United States by bee stings.
8 About 49 people are killed by lightning strikes.
9 I couldn't find anywhere on the Internet where
10 anyone who is not directly connected with the
11 space program has ever been injured or killed
12 anywhere on this planet in the history of space
13 launches.

14 We've also heard somewhere, many places, about
15 the possibility of injury of property, damage to
16 property. I couldn't find anywhere on the
17 Internet where any property has ever been damaged
18 outside the space launch areas, anywhere in the
19 entire world. So we're supposed to understand and
20 ask questions for this Environmental Impact
21 Statement. I've got a couple of questions. Where
22 has anybody ever been injured in the world who is
23 not part of a space launch, as a result of a space
24 launch? Where has anyone ever been killed in the
25 same way? Where has there ever been any property

1 damage anywhere in the world that's not part of a
2 space launch? I hope you'll answer those
3 questions.

4 There are several other things I would like to
5 ask, but the only question really that remains for
6 me, with this limited time, is when are we going to
7 quit buying rocket motors from Russia, and have
8 some American-made rocket motors powering rocket
9 launches from Camden County, Georgia? Thank you.

10 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Robert Rudolf,
11 followed by M.H. Woodside, and then Craig Root
12 (phonetic). Is Mr. Rudolf present? I'll try again
13 in a minute, just in case. M.H. Woodside, and --

14 COURT REPORTER: He's already left.

15 MS. LOWE: He's left already?

16 COURT REPORTER: Yeah, I've taken his.

17 MS. LOWE: Okay. Craig Root, followed by Jim
18 Goodman. Is Mr. Root here? Are you Mr. Root?

19 MR. JIM GOODMAN: I'm Goodman.

20 MS. LOWE: Oh, okay. Is Mr. Root here? Try him
21 again in a minute. Okay. Mr. Goodman.

22 MR. JIM GOODMAN: Thank you. I'm Jim Goodman,
23 and in the interest of transparency I did stay at a
24 Holiday Inn Express last night, where the temperature
25 was delightful.

1 But one of the things I'd like to say, I support
2 this space project, and I support, secondly, the
3 environmentalists' concerns. While this thing is
4 being built, and while it's being operated -- and it
5 will be, I'm confident -- I want the
6 environmentalists, and people who are concerned about
7 those matters to bird dog that to death. I want you
8 to be on the job. I want you to do everything you
9 can to protect the environment. That's your job.
10 Your job is not to stop this. Your job is to make
11 sure that it's done right, because it's an
12 opportunity that won't appear again. And I don't
13 want to see it go someplace else.

14 So the third thing I'd like to say is, could
15 somebody please turn the air conditioning down, and
16 warm up the room.

17 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Goodman. Does
18 everybody want to stand up and wiggle for a second?
19 Would that help? Okay. Stand up and wiggle for a
20 second to get yourselves warm. Yeah, just for a
21 minute. We're going to see if we can talk to them
22 about the air conditioning, so just give us a minute.

23 MALE SPEAKER: I think this gentleman already
24 complained about it.

25 MS. LOWE: Oh, okay.

1 (Thereupon, a break was taken.)

2 COURT REPORTER: Wendy, Wendy. Mr. Woodside was
3 the one that spoke to me in the beginning, that
4 wanted it private, 'cause he had to leave.

5 MS. LOWE: Oh, okay.

6 COURT REPORTER: He had to leave, and that's
7 why.

8 MS. MEGAN DESROSIERS: Thank you everybody for
9 butchering my last name. My name is Megan
10 Desrosiers. I am the Executive Director of a
11 coastal conservation organization called One
12 Hundred Miles. Our mission is to preserve, protect,
13 and enhance Georgia's 100-mile coast. And I have
14 been following the Spaceport project for probably
15 about 18 months, and reading about other spaceports
16 in other parts of the country, to try and understand
17 whether this project will do what we want it to do.

18 And I want to just commend everybody who
19 spoke tonight, because it takes a lot to stand up
20 in front of hundreds of people and talk about
21 whether you think something is a good idea or
22 whether you think you have some concerns. And I
23 just applaud all of you here tonight and everybody
24 who spoke.

25 I also want to say that I really commend

1 everybody who talked about hope, and the desire for
2 jobs and innovation because those are things that
3 we all want for our children and for our
4 community. And I agree with you all on that. And
5 I think that it's the FAA's job through this process,
6 to decide if this project will give us what we are
7 looking for. And you know, I'm one of these people
8 who, I think we need to evaluate everything really
9 thoroughly, and I think that's what this process is
10 about. And of course, we have to participate in
11 the process, which is what we're all doing here -- to
12 do that.

13 A couple of concerns I have is what we said
14 at the beginning of the evening, which is the
15 county will own, control, and manage this site,
16 which makes me wonder if there will be tax
17 revenue that's generated from it, because it will
18 be a publicly owned property. It makes me wonder
19 who will be on the hook for cleanup of any
20 contamination that occurs on the property, because
21 it will be taxpayer owned.

22 And it also makes me wonder -- how can a county
23 own, and manage, and control the property when a
24 county isn't in the business of owning and
25 operating a spaceport? And those are concerns

1 that I have that I think need to be evaluated by
2 the county and by the FAA.

3 One thing I just want to close with tonight
4 is that we do know a few things. And we know that
5 the people in Camden County love the quality of life.
6 And that includes economic opportunities that we
7 have, and economic opportunities that we might
8 have. It also includes our environment.

9 And I just want to leave you tonight thinking
10 that the environmental impacts of this project and
11 the environmental quality of life does not have to
12 be competitive with economic department. And
13 I think we need to remember that this isn't about
14 either the environment or the Spaceport. It's
15 about what is right for everybody, what is the
16 best use of our resources, and what is the best thing
17 for our county. Thank you.

18 MS. LOWE: We need to re-call a couple people
19 that I didn't get, again. Robert Rudolf, and Craig
20 Root.

21 MALE SPEAKER. Gone.

22 MS. LOWE: Gone, they're both gone? Okay.
23 Okay. And the next one is Marc Porter, and he will
24 be followed by Chuck Hunsaker.

25 MR. MARC PORTER: My name is Marc Porter, and I

1 am a transplant down here; came down with the Navy,
2 left and went back home to Michigan, and came back.
3 I want to thank y'all for letting me talk.

4 I think -- I am in favor of the Spaceport. I
5 come from a region of the country in Michigan
6 where the industries of a hundred years ago really
7 tore up the environment. They didn't have
8 protection. Those lumber companies pretty much
9 destroyed my neck of the woods, followed up by the
10 foundries. It's very stringent. We're going to be
11 very stringent with the Spaceport; you're not going
12 to get around it. But the concerns are -- if that
13 ground out there is contaminated, that soil has got
14 to go somewhere, who is going to be on the hook to
15 pay for moving it when we put the Spaceport in?
16 Who's going to be on the hook, like people have said,
17 if anything happens out there? Is it gonna be the
18 people launching, or is it going to be the taxpayers
19 and the citizens of Camden County? And that's a
20 viable worry because those are really big bills to
21 clean up. The Base doesn't light the fuses on
22 their missiles; they send them out to sea. We're
23 going to be lighting the fuses here on a liquid
24 fuel, not a solid fuel rocket. When liquid gets
25 in the soil, it contaminates pretty quickly. So we

1 have to -- these are my concerns, because we do
2 have a very beautiful area down here.

3 Those are the questions I would like to see
4 answered. Thank you very much.

5 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Porter. Chuck
6 Hunsaker, who will be followed by Jeff Stewart, and
7 then Britney Miller.

8 MR. CHARLES HUNSAKER: Okay. My name is Chuck
9 Hunsaker. I'd like to provide my strongest possible
10 support for the Spaceport project.

11 Many people don't understand or realize that
12 back in 1960 we were on the short list when NASA
13 chose Cape Canaveral. So we very possibly could
14 have had the Kennedy Spaceport located right here
15 in Camden County back in 1960. What's happened to
16 the area around the Kennedy Spaceport since 1960?
17 Frank DiBello, who heads up Space Florida, told me
18 recently, in 1960 Brevard County had a lot of
19 alligators, a lot of sawgrass, a few mom and pop
20 businesses, and 17,000 people. Today it has all
21 sorts of high-tech businesses, all sorts of
22 spin-off businesses, and 700,000 people.

23 This project will not only transform Camden
24 County; it will absolutely transform southeast
25 Georgia. Georgia Tech provides more aerospace

1 engineers than any other school in the country.
2 Virtually all of those people have to leave the
3 state of Georgia, which provides a brain drain. We
4 need to keep those people here.

5 Another comment that I'd like to make -- I was
6 at a conference recently. A guy came up to me and
7 said, "You're from Georgia. Are you aware of
8 the Spaceport project down there?" And I said,
9 "Yes, sir, I am." And he said, "Well, let me tell
10 you something. You guys are so lucky to have that
11 property. You know, in real estate, it's location.
12 You guys have the best location in the country for
13 a commercial spaceport. If you develop it
14 properly, you'll have the best one in the entire
15 country; and if you don't, it'll be Georgia's
16 biggest mistake in 10 generations." We cannot
17 afford to make that kind of mistake. We need this
18 spaceport.

19 There were a couple comments that I heard
20 earlier about other spaceports not providing the kind
21 of development that we think we need. This is the
22 only spaceport in the country, or proposed
23 spaceport in the country that has every single,
24 solitary thing that the companies need -- the only
25 one. Thank you.

1 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Hunsaker. So Jeff
2 Stewart will be followed by Britney Miller, and then
3 James Coughlin.

4 MR. JEFF STEWART: My name is Jeff Stewart. I'm
5 a homeowner in Harrietts Bluff.

6 These are my main concerns. My house is paid
7 for. How is living six miles away from SpaceX on
8 Harrietts Bluff in Mallard Pointe Drive going to
9 be affected by noise, travel, roads, safe zone,
10 rocket motors, transportation, hazardous material,
11 launches, tests, and home taxes, land, property
12 values? Is it going to be able to continue to
13 have prices on homes to retire here? Not like
14 Cocoa. That's my concern. Thank you.

15 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Britney
16 Miller, followed by James Coughlin, and then Terry
17 Adkins. Oh, thank you. Okay. James Coughlin.

18 MR. JAMES COUGHLIN: First I'd like to say --
19 pardon me, I'm James Coughlin.

20 MS. LOWE: Thank you.

21 MR. JAMES COUGHLIN: And I have lost three
22 digits tonight to hypothermia, but I hung in there.

23 Most of y'all know I'm the Executive Director
24 of the Camden County Joint Development Authority.
25 I spend a lot of time traveling around the region,

1 promoting this community in the name of economic
2 development.

3 And everywhere I go I'm struck by the people
4 who pull me aside and say, "You're from Camden;
5 you've got that Spaceport," to which I reply, "Not
6 yet, but soon." They ask me that in Atlanta. They
7 ask me that when I go to Florida. They've asked
8 me that in Chicago. People know about this.
9 We're on people's radar. This is an opportunity
10 that I don't think we have even fully grasped yet,
11 and a tremendous opportunity, not only for Camden
12 County, but for this region. While we tend to view
13 ourselves as the bottom of the state of Georgia,
14 we are the middle of an aerospace corridor.
15 Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and on down into
16 Florida has become an aerospace corridor.
17 Companies see this and they are looking to locate
18 to this area. So the potential is great.

19 And another thing that I do when I speak to, to
20 a lot of different community groups, is help them
21 to understand the difference between what
22 industrial development was a hundred, 50, even 30 or
23 25 years ago, versus what industrial development is
24 today. To someone's earlier point, it can
25 coexist, the environment and economic development.

1 It is not an either/or; it is not mutually
2 exclusive. We can have environmentally responsible
3 economic development, and I believe that's what
4 this project will be. Thank you.

5 MS. LOWE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Coughlin.
6 Next, we have Terry Adkins, who will be followed by
7 Jim Klander, and then Daniel Parshley.

8 MR. TERRY ADKINS: I'd like to echo the
9 sentiments about the temperature of the room. My
10 name is Terry Adkins. I live at 200 Wheeler Street
11 in St. Marys.

12 I moved to Camden County in 1985 and opened a
13 business. I came here because of what I thought
14 was a once-in-a-generation business opportunity
15 environment. That opportunity was the growth at
16 Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. I think I was
17 correct about that.

18 Over the last three decades I've enjoyed the
19 beautiful coast of Camden County, grown a
20 business, raised my kids and now I have grandkids
21 that live here. During that time I've been very
22 active in the outdoor sports. I love fishing, and
23 I love hunting. But I've also been very active in
24 coastal wildlife and marine conservation issues.

25 I'm speaking in support of the Spaceport because

1 I believe this is another once-in-a-generation
2 opportunity. It's being presented to Camden
3 County one more time. Just like Kings Bay site
4 selection criteria, the Spaceport project site
5 selection is all about location, market needs, and
6 timing. Our county is uniquely located, business
7 friendly and ready for this project.

8 I want this opportunity for my kids and my
9 grandkids. I also want them to enjoy the
10 beautiful natural resources of Camden County, just
11 as I have.

12 This county needs the industry, technology,
13 diversity, and tourism this opportunity will
14 provide. We've been down this road before.
15 Opportunity is knocking. We know how to handle
16 this. We know how to make our voices heard, and
17 we know how to ensure that this project gets done,
18 and done right.

19 I ask for your support in making this happen.
20 Thank you.

21 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Adkins. Jim Klander,
22 who will be followed by Daniel Parshley, and then
23 Terri Keller.

24 MR. JIM KLAUDER: Thank you very much. My name
25 is Jim Klauder.

1 MS. LOWE: There we go. Thank you.

2 MR. JIM KLAUDER: I believe that it's impossible
3 to know if this project is a good idea or not,
4 because at this point there are at least three
5 issues with too many variables and unknowns.

6 The first is economic. The financial impact
7 has not been vetted. The economic leverage of the
8 proposed Spaceport to generate thousands of
9 additional Camden County jobs seems problematic.
10 There needs to be a study based on other similar
11 projects that validates the kinds of economic
12 benefits that are being talked about for this
13 project. The EIS needs to contain an in-depth
14 analysis of the long-term costs and benefits.

15 The second issue is safety. It's been
16 suggested that the safety record of launches is
17 good. However, when a launch malfunctions it does
18 not necessarily go where it was intended to go.
19 What happens if there is a black swan event, a
20 rocket goes off course and explodes over people?

21 Michael Suffredini is NASA's Space Station
22 Program Manager. In June, just this past year, at
23 a news conference following the explosion of a
24 Falcon 9 rocket intended as a resupply mission to
25 the Space Station, Mr. Suffredini said, "Never in

1 my wildest imagination or dreams did I imagine we
2 would lose three supply missions within eight
3 months." He was referring to two other resupply
4 launches that blew up. The EIS needs to explore
5 the wildest dream failure scenario because that
6 is, in fact, what Mr. Suffredini said is
7 happening.

8 Third is environmental. The state of Georgia
9 goes to great lengths to protect southeast
10 Georgia's pristine coastline and fragile
11 ecosystem. The EIS needs to explore a great many
12 of those environmental concerns. Thank you.

13 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Klauder. Daniel
14 Parshley, who will be followed by Terri Keller, and
15 then Larry White.

16 MR. DANIEL PARSHLEY: Good evening. I'm Daniel
17 Parshley, the Project Manager for the Glynn
18 Environmental Coalition in Brunswick, Georgia. Our
19 mission is to work for a clean environment and
20 healthy economy for the citizens of coastal Georgia.
21 And our goal is a safe and healthy place to live and
22 raise our families.

23 I would like to speak about the Environmental
24 Impact Statement. It's not explicitly said that
25 they will not launch nuclear payloads. Unless

1 it's explicitly said that they will not launch
2 nuclear materials, I would like the Environmental
3 Impact Statement to look at all the nuclear material
4 Launches, and run the scenarios of all the worst-case
5 launches that we've had against those that are
6 nuclear payloads, and what it would mean for our
7 area.

8 Likewise in a worst-case scenario, I would
9 like to know what measures will be taken -- land
10 management practices, for instance -- in the case
11 that we do have to blow up an errant rocket and
12 we have flaming debris come down, what measures will
13 be taken in land management practices to keep us from
14 having a major forest fire like the one down in
15 Florida that consumed their state?

16 Also, the Environmental Impact Statement
17 should look at the pesticide dump. The
18 current conditions should be part of the
19 Environmental Impact Statement, and including what
20 is not known about past practices from the
21 facilities that have been there.

22 And in closing, it deeply saddens me to see
23 distinguished community leaders get up and speak
24 on subject matter that is irrelevant to the reason
25 we're here tonight. Thank you.

1 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Parshley. Terri
2 Keller?

3 MS. TERRI KELLER: I am Terri Keller.

4 Here in Camden County we're thankful for
5 clean air, clean water, the quiet beauty that
6 surrounds us. But those may become a fond memory
7 if a rocket company lands here. Rocket launches
8 can wreak havoc in a community with their
9 potential negative side effects.

10 CNN says, "Debris from the unmanned Falcon 9
11 reusable, [not so much], F9R rocket, which
12 self-destructed less than 20 seconds after launch,
13 rained down from the flames onto an open field..."
14 Except in our case it may read, "rained down from
15 the flames onto an area in Cumberland Island, or
16 Jekyll Island, et cetera."

17 NASA.gov states, "Unfortunately, almost any
18 effective propellant is apt to be corrosive,
19 flammable, or toxic to a greater degree than even
20 most war gases, and often all three."

21 Toxic rocket fuel and debris may crash into
22 Camden. The liquid fuel could potentially poison
23 our water supply and endanger our children's
24 health for the foreseeable future.

25 Space.com reports, "An unmanned SpaceX cargo

1 mission crashed back to Earth today, June 28,
2 2015. Something went wrong about two minutes into
3 the flight, and the rocket broke apart, raining
4 debris out of the sky, including more than
5 4,000 pounds of cargo."

6 So why have a spaceport here with a
7 trajectory over occupied private property? That's
8 totally unacceptable and outrageous.

9 Elon Musk, owner of SpaceX, Tweeted after the
10 F9R's catastrophic failure, "Rockets are tricky."
11 I say for safety's sake that Mr. Musk can take his
12 trickery elsewhere, well away from where it can
13 hurt people and their environment.

14 To be honest, some space companies seem to be
15 more about not going into space. If they do come
16 here, rocket companies should be aware that their
17 every move will be minutely scrutinized, analyzed
18 and reported on, as will any waste of taxpayer
19 money. You will be under the microscope here in
20 Camden by people who like to write and spread the
21 news across the land. Thank you.

22 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Ms. Keller. Next we'll
23 have Larry White, then followed by Alex Kearns.

24 MR. LARRY WHITE: My name is Larry White. I
25 live in Camden County.

1 The whole purpose of the Environmental Impact
2 Statement is to determine the impact on all
3 environmental aspects of the activity that could take
4 place in the environment. I've heard a lot of
5 discussion tonight, most of which is either
6 opinion, okay; and if you're talking safety,
7 there's another safety review that the project has
8 to go through with a different agency other
9 than -- the FAA has to have a Safety Impact
10 Statement done. This safety review is done
11 scientifically. My only hope is that the FAA,
12 whoever they have do the EIS for them, is using
13 scientific data, not using opinions, or broadcasts
14 from TV to determine what is safe for the
15 environment in our region.

16 And just for the record, I'm in favor of the
17 Spaceport, but it has to be environmentally safe.
18 If it's not environmentally safe, then I don't
19 want to see it here.

20 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. White. Alex Kearns?

21 MS. ALEX KEARNS: My name's Alex Kearns. I'm a
22 resident of St. Marys. I'm the Chair of the St.
23 Marys Earthkeepers. I'm also honored to sit on the
24 Spaceport Environmental Subcommittee. The people on
25 that committee are immensely dedicated, and certainly

1 our Chair has just bowled me over by the level of
2 work that he's doing.

3 As soon as our names were released, or the
4 names of people on the committee, my inbox was
5 suddenly flooded with less than polite statements.
6 It was assumed that anyone who was part of an
7 environmental coalition would automatically be
8 opposed to the Spaceport. As I have announced as
9 many different ways and times as I can, St. Marys
10 Earthkeepers neither endorse nor oppose this,
11 because that'd be like asking how long is a piece
12 of string. Until we get the EIS report, we don't
13 know. None of us do. I really, really hope,
14 because a lot of the purpose of tonight was
15 to get environmental questions. Send them to us.
16 There's a whole lot of ways. You know, our email
17 addresses have been published. So get the
18 questions in. Because the better a job we do, the
19 more thorough the results will be, the smoother
20 the project will be, and all of those people who
21 want a spaceport will be that much closer.

22 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Ms. Kearns.

23 That is the last of the cards that have been
24 provided to me by the registration table, so we'll
25 take a five minute recess to see if anybody else

1 wants to speak; and if not, then we'll conclude
2 the meeting. If you want to speak, please go see the
3 registration table.

4 (Thereupon, a break was taken.)

5 MS. LOWE: Okay. Time to reconvene. We have
6 two more people that have registered to speak. They
7 are David Kyler, and Mr. Kyler will be followed by
8 Bob Scaringe. Okay. So, David Kyler. Oh, good.

9 MR. DAVID KYLER: This one?

10 MS. LOWE: Yes.

11 MR. DAVID KYLER: A little smaller audience than
12 we had, fortunately. My card --

13 MS. LOWE: Less intimidating, right?

14 MR. DAVID KYLER: Yeah. My card got lost in the
15 mail, so -- but I wanted to come up and make this
16 very brief today. So I'm Dave Kyler with the Center
17 for a Sustainable Coast, nonprofit organization
18 established in 1997, whose mission is to support
19 rational --

20 MS. LOWE: Hang on just a second. Can we
21 please have silence in the room? There's a gentleman
22 providing comments right now. So if you need to
23 talk, please leave. There you go.

24 MR. DAVID KYLER: Our mission is to support
25 responsible decision making, serving the

1 environmental and quality of life interests of
2 coastal Georgia.

3 I think a lot of what was said here tonight
4 was more of a Chamber of Commerce meeting, as
5 Daniel Parshley pointed out, type of material
6 rather than for a hearing on an Environmental Impact
7 Statement, a scoping process for that impact
8 statement. And I think there's been some
9 deliberately misconstrued, or perhaps mistakenly
10 misconstrued, misrepresentation of the environmental
11 interests.

12 Environmental interests, at least as far as I'm
13 representing them, after 40 years of doing this kind
14 of work, all in coastal Georgia, are not rejecting
15 technology, but using technology wisely, and
16 likewise, using taxpayer money wisely to come up
17 with rational solutions to our community
18 development interests.

19 No one can argue with the idea of wanting to
20 diversify our economy and to enrich our tax base, but
21 this needs to be done wisely. And speaking to
22 Charlie Smith's point about the safety record of
23 the space program -- well, the reason why there have
24 been so few non-space program deaths is because
25 other sites are better located than this site is.

1 We have developed areas in harm's way that'll
2 be directly in jeopardy from the flight paths
3 from this proposed facility. That portrays an
4 entirely different scenario than what has been the
5 case of other spaceports. And that's been glossed
6 over, or neglected altogether in most of the comments
7 this evening.

8 Between the developed areas in jeopardy, toxic
9 chemicals on the site, and the proximity of a
10 nuclear facility at Kings Bay, this project has
11 major hurdles to overcome, and it's hard to imagine
12 it can be justified, given other sites that are
13 better suited for this kind of operation.

14 MS. LOWE: Thank you, Mr. Kyler. And then the
15 last card is Bob Scaringe.

16 MR. BOB SCARINGE: My name is Bob Scaringe. I'm
17 a marketing consultant, and I would like to highlight
18 a few of the economic issues, and then put some
19 numbers on them.

20 The space market, as in a published report by
21 the Space Foundation every year, is a \$330 billion
22 industry. To put that into perspective for us in
23 Georgia, the film industry, which the state of
24 Georgia pursues rather aggressively with tax
25 breaks and financial incentives to locate here to

1 film TV shows and movies, is an \$88 billion global
2 industry, less than one third of the size of the
3 space industry. And unfortunately, Georgia has
4 less than one tenth of one percent of that global
5 \$330 billion industry. That's the bad news. The
6 good news is if Georgia can increase its market
7 share by one percent, that means an additional
8 \$3 billion, over \$3 billion of revenue into the
9 state every year. It also means 2,300 jobs,
10 approximately. And if you believe the FAA
11 multiplier numbers, and I do, of every dollar
12 invested results in two to three dollars of
13 economic impact. And by the way, that's borne out by
14 Space Florida's numbers who says that every dollar
15 invested in the space industry in Florida results
16 in \$2.83 of economic impact in the state of
17 Florida. That means we're talking about four to
18 six thousand jobs for every one percent increase
19 in market share that Georgia can gain over time.

20 As far as the location, the space launch
21 manufacturers that have visited the site -- at least
22 two of them have said it is the best site on the
23 East Coast, probably in the country, for a
24 spaceport. The reason for that is that it has a
25 southern latitude and it launches from east to west

1 over water. The closer you are to the equator,
2 the less energy you need to put a payload into space.
3 So I urge the FAA to favorably consider Camden's
4 application for a license, because Spaceport
5 Camden can be a national asset, a catalyst for
6 attracting space industry employers to Georgia,
7 and a shot in the arm in terms of economic
8 development for southeast Georgia.

9 MS. LOWE: Thank you very much.

10 So I have been asked to make sure that
11 everybody understands that if they submit comments
12 to the Environmental Committee, that those comments
13 have not been submitted to the FAA. So if you
14 would like your comments to be considered by the
15 FAA in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement,
16 they need to be submitted to the FAA, using the
17 comment forms, or through the mail, or through the
18 website, and that's described on the handouts.

19 So on behalf of the FAA, I'd like to thank you
20 very much for your time and attention.

21 Let the record reflect that it is now 8:19
22 p.m., and all registered speakers have been called
23 upon to speak.

24 The Project Team looks forward to working
25 with you throughout this process, and we will now

1 adjourn this meeting. Thank you so much for
2 coming tonight.

3 (Thereupon, the public scoping meeting was
4 concluded.)

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