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Reply to Attn of:

Dear Representative Vicki Truitt,

Thank you for sponsoring me for the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS). It's been an once-in-a-lifetime experience, from speaking to former Apollo crewmembers to visiting buildings that very few members of the public get to see. This program has shown me that I definitely want to continue in an STEM field, and maybe even work at NASA someday.

In addition to being a great deal of fun, I learned a lot from the program. We built rockets, researched and designed a Martian colony, and heard from some very esteemed guest speakers. I was on the Mission Integration (Grey) team, and I learned a lot about jurisdiction over space and the complexity of planning an entire two year mission. Even the threat of a hurricane didn't keep us from having an awesome time. I hope HAS continues for another ten years.

I was very impressed by the amount of time and effort put into this program to make it truly unforgettable experience for all participants.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Gilbert" with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lauren Gilbert

High School Aerospace Scholars