

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Sean O'Donnell  
Acting Inspector General  
Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General  
4800 Mark Center Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

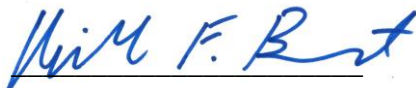
We write to request you consider the following subjects in your ongoing investigation into the Trump Administration's U.S. Space Command basing decision on January 13, 2021.

As you conduct your investigation, we ask that you address the following questions, in addition to the subjects named in the investigation announcement:


- Why did the Department of Defense end the Strategic Basing Process in 2019 and subsequently create and use a new and untested process for the subsequent evaluation in 2020?
- How did the Department of Defense establish the baseline building and command requirements for the 2020 process?
- Did the Department of Defense consider each of the sites' existing infrastructure in evaluating costs?
- Did the Department of Defense data sets provide a consistent, objective, and fair representation of each site's qualities and conditions?

Thank you for your consideration on this important subject.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator

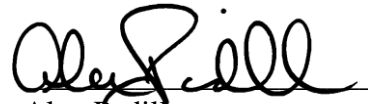



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