

Take action to save NASA science! (Updated 3 July 2025)

NASA's science programs face a staggering 47% budget cut for 2026. Congressional offices need to hear, NOW, about how NASA science benefits their district or state. Constituents carry the most weight, but hearing in bulk from non-constituents also has value. In particular, we need to reach Republican members of the "Commerce, Justice, Science" subcommittees for the Senate and the House, listed below.

Here's what needs doing:

- 1) Tell your elected officials how much NASA matters to you. The Planetary Society's action center has clear instructions and talking points.
- 2) Contact anyone you know who lives in the above districts or states. Family, friends, colleagues, Uncle Roy. Ask them to contact their Congress members to save nasa science. Send them to Let's get creative, people.
- 3) If you don't live in the above districts, call or email anyway. A single email from a non-constituent doesn't carry much weight. But a flood does. By each Congress member, I have linked to the wikipedia entry describing their district, and (as "TPS") the Planetary Society's fact sheet on the NASA science impacts in that district or state. A few districts don't have much direct spending — for these, you'll need to explain the broader benefits of NASA science: measuring crop yields, detecting wildfires, protecting Earth from asteroids, inspiring the next generation, demonstrating American leadership in STEM.
- 4) For bonus points, when you call or email your representatives, ask for a Zoom meeting with a staffer. It's pretty easy to get 15 minutes to make your case, which can carry a lot of weight.

Thank you for standing up for NASA science!

- A senior space scientist (in personal capacity)

Key members of Congress to reach about NASA science:

Rep. Hal Rogers (R, KY-5) – Chair
Rep. Dale Strong (R, AL-5) TPS
Rep. Tom Cole (R, OK-4). TPS
Mark Alford (R, MO-4)
Rep. John Carter (R, TX-31). TPS
Rep. Ben Cline (R, VA-6). TPS
Rep. Andrew Clyde (R, GA-9). TPS
Rep. Tony Gonzalez (R, TX-23)
Rep. Riley Moore (R, WV-2). TPS
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). TPS
Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). TPS
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina). TPS
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia). TPS
Sen. John Kennedy (R-Louisiana). TPS
Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-Tennessee). TPS
Sen. Katie Britt (R-Alabama). TPS
Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska). TPS