It's just an incredibly exciting time. You know, I'm filled with, uh, excitement, a little bit of nervousness, um, and a lot of pride—in what our country has done.

It's been a while since we've designed, built, tested, and certified a brand new, human rated spacecraft to go, you know, low Earth orbit.
AND BACK, SO VERY EXCITING.

AND I'M LOOKIN' FORWARD TO IT.

>> YOU KNOW, CARGO IS IS

OBVIOUSLY AN IMPORTANT PART

OF GETTIN' IT, BUT YOU KNOW,

ULTIMATELY, SPACE FLIGHT IS

ABOUT, UH, PEOPLE.

IT'S AN EXCITING TIME.

LET'S GO DO IT.

>> I THINK IF YOU ASK

ANY OF US, AS GRADUATES OF

A TEST PILOT SCHOOL PROGRAM,

UH, WHAT WE WANTED TO DO

AS THE DREAM JOB, IT WOULD BE
THE PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT

OF A NEW SPACECRAFT.

YOU-- IF YOU DON'T FEEL

EXCITED, YOU'RE IN

THE WRONG JOB.

UH, YOU KNOW, WE'VE WATCHED

SPACEX COME FROM THIS COMPANY

JUST A SHORT TIME AGO FLYING

THEIR FIRST ROCKET TO NOW

ROUTINELY DELIVERING CARGO.

AND NOW, THIS IS THEIR NEXT

STEP, AND, UH, IT'S AN EXCITING

PLACE TO BE.

BOEING IS A-- YOU KNOW,
A COMPANY WITH A RICH, UH,

00:01:12,772 --> 00:01:15,008
HISTORY, UH, IN AVIATION

00:01:15,007 --> 00:01:16,275
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

00:01:16,275 --> 00:01:17,242
TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO

00:01:17,242 --> 00:01:19,945
THIS, UH, TO-TO DO OUR PART

00:01:19,945 --> 00:01:21,346
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

00:01:21,346 --> 00:01:24,016
OF, UH, SPACE EXPLORERS IS, UH,

00:01:24,016 --> 00:01:25,551
IT'S JUST AN INCREDIBLE HONOR.

00:01:25,552 --> 00:01:26,252
>> I'M THINKIN' ABOUT

00:01:26,251 --> 00:01:27,586
ALL THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE MET

00:01:27,587 --> 00:01:28,655
FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS

00:01:28,655 --> 00:01:29,656
THAT HAVE BEEN PUTTING THIS

00:01:29,656 --> 00:01:31,257
SPACECRAFT TOGETHER, AS WELL AS

00:01:31,257 --> 00:01:32,591
THE TEAM AT THE LAUNCH PAD

00:01:32,591 --> 00:01:33,725
WHO HAVE BEEN GETTING
THE LAUNCH PAD AND THE EMERGENCY EGRESS SYSTEM READY,
AND ALL THE LANDING TESTS,
AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE,
AND GOIN', "WOW..."
"HOPE I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PROUD."
I FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE I'M WALKING IN THE--
IN THE, UH, FOOTSTEPS OF GIANTS.
YOU KNOW, QUITE FRANKLY,
I THINK FOR-EVER ASTRONAUT,
ANY-ANYTIME WE LAUNCH,
UH, HUMANS INTO SPACE
AND BRING 'EM HOME SAFELY,
THAT'S A HISTORIC MISSION.

AND SO THIS ONE JUST HAPPENS TO BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

>> BUT THIS IS ONE STEP ON THE PATH TO RETURNING THE ABILITY TO LAUNCH HUMANS TO SPACE, Uh, TO AMERICAN SOIL.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY ABLE TO WORK ON RIGHT NOW.

AND IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF THAT, BY THE WAY.

SO I-I THINK THE IMPORTANCE OF IT CAN'T BE OVERSTATED.
>> WHILE WE MIGHT BE THE MOST

VISIBLE, WE'RE JUST PART OF

A HUGE TEAM THAT IT TAKES

IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

>> I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT

CHALLENGES WE'RE GONNA FACE,

UH, BUT WE'RE READY FOR 'EM.

AND THE THINGS THAT

WE'RE GONNA LEARN, WE DON'T

KNOW YET, BUT THEY'RE GONNA

BE INCREDIBLY COOL.

[ MUSIC ]