my name is Daphne de door and I'm a legislative affairs specialist at NASA headquarters my office's mission is to handle all communications and relationships related to legislative issues between the agency and Congress and so I do things like help out with preparing for congressional hearings handling requests from members of Congress under staff as well as monitoring relevant legislation I grew up in California I was in the San Francisco Bay Area you know NASA Ames has always been a presence for me when I
was little my grandparents would take

myself and my brother's out to moffett

field I've always been attracted to

coming to a place and what a larger

cause and a bigger idea so Washington DC

to me was a place to do that I had a

undergraduate degree in politics which

is something that a lot of people in

Washington DC have and so i decided i

needed to specialize in an area so i

decided to go to graduate school and i

found the space policy institute at

George Washington University and that's

where I learned that there was this
field space policy and that I can be involved in it even though I wasn't a scientist or engineer at this agency I think it represents the best about being an American it's you know it's having an enterprising nature its advancing humanity and knowledge and you know it's that that American spirit on the outside I've always been proud of our space program but now that I'm part of the agency I feel that it's even more important for me when I go home or when I go out to talk about what we do and why it's so important to the nation