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As you know, the President has given our agency the bold charge to land the next man and the

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first woman on the lunar South Pole by 2024.

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And now, President Trump has extended his vote of confidence in our work with an amended

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budget request for fiscal year 2020 that includes 1.6 billion dollars in additional funding.

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This investment is a down payment on NASA's efforts and will allow us to move forward

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with design, development and exploration.

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Among other things, it will allow us to accelerate our development of the Space Launch System

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and Orion.

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It will support the development of a Human lunar landing system.

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And it will support precursor capabilities on the lunar surface -- including increased

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robotic exploration of the Moon's polar regions.

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While there are many steps ahead in the budget and appropriations process, all of us at NASA should

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be proud and excited by this unique opportunity.

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Our efforts will include new work at NASA centers to provide the key technologies and

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scientific payloads needed for the Gateway and lunar surface, adding to efforts that are already

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underway across our country.

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Additionally, we envision strong commercial partnerships that will help increase innovation

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and reduce costs to the American taxpayer.

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I challenge you, the NASA family, to share with your family and friends how for 60 years,

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investment in our agency has improved the human condition through science, exploration

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and innovation.

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Exploring the Moon is the next step in our

agency's story, and it will be to the benefit

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of all of us.

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We are at a moment of opportunity, together.

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Thank you for your dedication to our mission
and pressing in on the hard work that is moving