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Dr. Peter H. Diamandis
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Dear Dr. Diamandis:

Congratulations on the announcement of the Google Lunar X PRIZE. NASA believes that prizes such as this have the potential to fuel the next great leap in commercial space flight. Fostering innovative approaches to the commercial use of space is a goal that NASA is supporting through Centennial Challenges and the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services program. These initiatives leverage the power of competition to advance commercial space flight capabilities and develop new technologies.

I applaud the X PRIZE Foundation's educational objectives that will undoubtedly engage our Nation's youth and inspire students to pursue careers in science, engineering, and other fields related to space exploration.

On behalf of NASA, we wish the competitors the best of luck and will be eagerly monitoring the competition's progress!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael D. Griffin
Administrator