

- It gives American space policy a truly long-term goal
- Permanent human space settlement is an idea that inspires — from Jeff Bezos, to Elon Musk, to many other private citizens — and so it will inspire a new generation to go into STEM related fields
- It will drive an exponentially growing space-based economy, and lead to economic growth and abundant resources for people on and off planet Earth
- It will provide humanity with a better chance for long-term survival
- **Space settlement is in the long-term strategic interest of America, and will influence the future of human freedom**
  1. Consider how the U.S. role in the world could be altered if other countries lead in mining lunar resources and dominate the development and settlement of the Moon
  2. Consider the impact of such a loss of American leadership on the long-term values of human civilization far into the future

# SEDS Act & Request

## Citizens' Space Agenda

- The Space Exploration, Development and Settlement Act (SEDS) bill would amend the law governing the activities of NASA, known as the NASA Act of 1958, to include this statement:
  - *“Exploration, Development and Settlement of Space.—The Congress declares that expanding permanent human presence beyond low-Earth orbit in a way that enables human settlement and a thriving space economy will enhance the general welfare of the United States and requires the Administration to encourage and support the development of permanent space settlements.”*
- The SEDS Act was introduced as H.R. 4752 by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) in the House in 2016:
  - See text at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4752/text>
- Rep. Rohrabacher will be re-introducing the SEDS act in the current session:
  - **REQUEST (United States House of Representatives)**
    - Are you willing to a co-sponsor of H.R. 4752?
  - **REQUEST (United States Senate)**
    - Are you willing to sponsor the SEDS Bill in the Senate?