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Hasan,

The White House may wish to look at these and provide Sen. Nelson direction/warning before he takes the helm at NASA. He should go in with eyes wide open.

- NASA's reputation with industry has been eroded due to Trump politicizing of the Agency for his own gain
- NASA HQ's A-Suite leadership is currently incompetent and unpredictable
- Leadership under Political appointees – Jim Bridenstine and Jim Morehard led NASA to eliminate competition to award billions to Trump supporters, like Elon Musk
 - Bridenstine had a history of voting against anti-union legislation while in the House
- EVERY NASA Human Exploration Operations (HEO) launch has been awarded exclusively to Elon Musk's SX, to include, Gateway, Gateway Logistics Services, Human Landing Systems, and all in support of the politically driven Artemis program under Trump
- Large NASA taxpayer investments are being thrown away due to the cozy relationship established by Trump political hacks throughout NASA
 - The US Government's deep space exploration program is at risk: This large program which is the baseline for deep space exploration is being threatened due to political favors being offered to Elon Musk
 - Billions in awards are given based on outrageous, unsupported goals in an effort to secure political wins or public hype
 - Lacking any possibility of meeting these goals; additional billions of taxpayer investments will need to be provided. In time this will erode confidence in the Administration and to NASA
 - Trump era NASA personnel now work in commercial space and have siphoned resources and opportunities away from these programs in order to enrich themselves
- It must be recognized that Elon Musk has a deep seeded financial reputation with the Chinese and his disregard for US regulation and safety at both is car and space companies should be noticed by NASA
- When Chinese regulators threaten Elon's business, Elon apologizes. When Elon violates US regulators, he taunts them through his social media
- NASA historically is an organization driven to explore and although space travel comes with a high level of risk, the percentages of risks should not be exacerbated for the thrill of Elon Musk
- **NASA is creating a procurement environment that penalizes firms with union labor**
- To pay for Elon Musk's support, the Trump administration consistently cut STEM and earth science programs

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