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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to formally introduce myself as Mr. Dwight D. Deneal, the new Assistant Administrator (AA) for the NASA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP).

As the new AA, my four (4) primary priorities are people, processes, performance, and premiere. As we continue to develop and refine our NASA Mentor Protégé Program (MPP), it is crucial to emphasize the significance of aligning the program to meet NASA 2040 Vision. Our aim is not only to foster development for small and socio-economic business but to cultivate meaningful outcomes that close industrial base gaps within the aerospace and scientific industries.

In addition, I wanted to highlight the importance of focusing on enforcing robust processes within the MPP to ensure the program's effectiveness and enduring success. Establishing a clear and well-defined program structure is essential for providing guidance and direction to both mentors and protégés.

Thus, I am implementing a temporary MPP moratorium effective immediately. This decision has been implemented in order to thoroughly assess our MPP processes and policies and ensure its functioning as an optimal program. While the program is currently on hold, please rest assured that this decision is temporary. We will keep you updated on any developments regarding the program's status and when it is expected to resume. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to Mr. David E. Brock, Mentor Protégé Program Manager via email at david.e.brock@nasa.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support for the NASA Mentor Protege Program and dedication to advancing our small business enterprise's goals. We look forward to working together to achieve our shared vision of excellence.

Yours in Service,

Mr. Dwight D. Deneal
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