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**MIKULSKI STATEMENT ON HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE TERMINATION OF JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) today released the following statement on funding for the James Webb Telescope:

"Today the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies passed a bill that would terminate the James Webb Space Telescope, kill 2,000 jobs nationwide and stall scientific progress and discovery. It was a shortsighted and misguided move.

"The Webb Telescope will lead to the kind of innovation and discovery that have made America great. It will inspire America's next generation of scientists and innovators that will have the new ideas that lead to the new jobs in our new economy.

"The Administration must step in and fight for the James Webb Telescope."

In the next step of the House Appropriations process, the funding bill will be considered by the Full Appropriations Committee on July 13.

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