



CONFERS Statement of Support for the Orbital Sustainability (ORBITS) Act of 2025

The Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (CONFERS) supports the *Orbital Sustainability (ORBITS) Act of 2025* and commends the leadership of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation’s Subcommittee on Space and Science in advancing responsible and forward-thinking space policy to address the challenges of orbital debris and space sustainability.

The ORBITS Act marks an important step in addressing the growing risks posed by space debris and in reinforcing the role of commercial technologies—such as satellite servicing, inspection, and other on-orbit capabilities—in maintaining a secure and sustainable space environment. CONFERS is especially encouraged by the Act’s emphasis on:

- Supporting public-private partnerships for debris remediation demonstrations;
- Fostering technical standards and best practices for safe operations in proximity to space objects; and,
- Advancing government investment in critical technologies that enable in-space servicing and maneuverability.

As a global industry consortium representing more than 80 companies across the space value chain, CONFERS supports the development and adoption of best practices, standards, and policies for on-orbit servicing (OOS), rendezvous and proximity operations (RPO), and space sustainability services. Our members are already pioneering the capabilities necessary to safely and reliably conduct servicing missions in orbit. The ORBITS Act is a critical step toward maintaining U.S. leadership in this emerging sector, and CONFERS welcomes the opportunity to support its enactment and implementation.

CONFERS looks forward to continuing engagement with Congress, the executive branch, and international partners to build the regulatory and technical structures that enable innovation while promoting transparency, safety, and sustainability in space. The ORBITS Act strongly aligns with these goals and reinforces the United States’ leadership in advancing norms for responsible behavior in orbit.

CONFERS stands ready to support the successful implementation of this legislation and appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this critical endeavor.