



To whom it concerns,

May 15th, 2013

*Subject: Freestyle Astronaut Project*

The International Parachuting Commission, IPC is one of several Airsport Commissions within the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale., FAI. Within the IPC, the Artistic Events Committee is the one responsible for competition rules and competitions for both the Freestyle Skydiving and Freeflying events.

Mr. Olav Zipser has been actively involved in the development of Freeflying as a competition event, contributing with essential flying techniques. He has competed at several World class events like World Parachuting Championships, World Air Games and World Games. He has developed his own Freeflying school and designed a license and coaching system. For all these reasons, he is known as the "Father of Freeflying".

The IPC would like to express its unambiguous support for the latest endeavour of Mr. Zipser, the Freestyle Astronaut Project. While traditional highest parachute jump attempts have been using balloons, the proposed use of rockets is a perfect example of Mr. Zipsers attitude of thinking "out of the box" in order to break new ground.

On a personal note, I have known Olav for many years, both as a competitor and as a fellow parachutist. I am convinced he is qualified and current to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Overdijk', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ronald Overdijk  
Chair IPC Artistic Events Committee