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## Will Astronauts Stuck in Space Get a Prize?

### What Did Trump Say About It?

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**USPA NEWS** - Astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore, who were stranded for nine months on the International Space Station (ISS), will not receive a special bonus for the extension of their mission. NASA has stated that their compensation will be calculated based on daily incidental expenses, amounting to approximately \$5 per day. This amount is added to their annual salary but does not include bonuses or overtime.

The incident has sparked a heated debate, culminating in statements from former President Donald Trump. During a press conference, Trump called the amount allocated to the astronauts "ridiculous," emphasizing that their sacrifice and commitment deserve much greater recognition. He also stated that, if necessary, he would be willing to personally cover additional costs to ensure that Williams and Wilmore receive adequate compensation. Trump also criticized the Biden administration, accusing it of neglecting the astronauts and failing to properly handle the situation, which he described as a "political and moral failure."

These statements have reignited the debate about the economic treatment of astronauts, key figures in space exploration who are often forgotten when it comes to acknowledging the value of their work. The mission of Williams and Wilmore, which began as a routine operation, turned into an odyssey that tested their physical and psychological resilience, raising questions about the management of space missions and crew safety. Trump concluded his speech by stating that "space heroes deserve respect and gratitude, not a handful of dollars."

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