

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

September 21, 2022

David F. Keffer Chief Financial Officer Northrop Grumman Corp. 2980 Fairview Park Drive Falls Church, VA 22042

Re: Northrop Grumman Corp.

Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A

Filed April 1, 2022

File No. 001-16411

Dear Mr. Keffer:

We have limited our review of your most recent definitive proxy statement to those issues we have addressed in our comments.

Please respond to these comments by confirming that you will enhance your future proxy disclosures in accordance with the topics discussed below as well as any material developments to your risk oversight structure. For guidance, refer to Item 407(h) of Regulation S-K.

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## General

- 1. Please expand your discussion to address how the experience of your Lead Independent Director is brought to bear in connection with your board's role in risk oversight.
- 2. Please expand upon the role that your Lead Independent Director plays in the leadership of the board. For example, please enhance your disclosure to address whether or not your Lead Independent Director may:
  - represent the board in communications with shareholders and other stakeholders; or
  - require board consideration of, and/or override your CEO on, any risk matters.
- 3. Please expand upon how your board administers its risk oversight function. For example, please disclose:
  - the timeframe over which you evaluate risks (e.g., short-term, intermediate-term, or long-term) and how you apply different oversight standards based upon the immediacy of the risk assessed;

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- whether you consult with outside advisors and experts to anticipate future threats and trends, and how often you re-assess your risk environment;
- how the board interacts with management to address existing risks and identify significant emerging risks; and
- how your risk oversight process aligns with your disclosure controls and procedures.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Christopher Dunham at (202) 551-3783 or Barbara Jacobs at (202) 551-3735 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Disclosure Review Program