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Sheet Metal Workers—
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November 27, 2013

The Honorable Jeremiah W. Nixon
Governor of the State of Missouri
P. O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: **Boeing 777X Project**

Dear Governor Nixon:

The undersigned, on behalf of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council, Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity and the Eastern Missouri Laborers' District Council, are writing to announce an historic agreement between our organizations to assist with securing the proposed manufacturing of Boeing's next-generation commercial aircraft, the 777X, in St. Louis. We thank you for seeking our input and applaud your foresight in working to bring this most important project to the State of Missouri.

This unprecedented accord states that our organizations will make our workers available to Boeing 24-hours a day, in three, 8-hour shifts from the beginning of the project until its completion. Typically, projects of this nature involve six 10-hour shifts. Therefore, our agreement will double the work hours per week, and triple the workforce, committed to the construction of these facilities.

As a result, we will reduce the construction time of these facilities by at least a year, thus increasing savings.

Furthermore, these three, 8-hour shifts will be worked under the standard wage structure and will not count as overtime. By working 24-hours a day without overtime, this will ensure that if the facilities are built in Missouri, they will be built quicker, and by a workforce with skills and training second to none.

As you know, the Eastern Missouri Laborers' District Council, the Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis and the constituent unions of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council have available to them, and to St. Louis area contractors, a highly skilled and trained workforce.

All of the building trades in the St. Louis area, despite the economic downturn of the last six years, have continued to train and improve the skills of all of their members. In fact, the various trades have spent approximately $21 million in the last year alone on training, none of these dollars coming from Missouri taxpayers. These training dollars are part of the commitment of organized labor in St. Louis construction, and of their members, to maintain a skilled workforce.

We believe that Boeing can find no better location than St. Louis for the construction of the 777X. Currently, the St. Louis building trades have an abundance of workers immediately available to perform the necessary work on the 777X project. We also recognize that the State of Missouri may provide an economic incentive to encourage Boeing to award the construction of the 777X to St. Louis. The undersigned are also willing to make a substantial economic commitment so as to encourage Boeing to build the 777X in St. Louis.

Again, the Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis, the Eastern Missouri Laborers' District Council and the constituent locals of the St. Louis Building and Constructions Trades Council are pledging to reduce the construction time for theses facilities by at least a year by committing to Boeing the unique work schedule of three 8-hour shifts without overtime. This work schedule would result in a doubling of work hours each week, a tripling of the committed workforce, a compressed overall construction schedule, and significant savings to Boeing.

As you can see, we stand ready to work with your office and the Missouri General Assembly toward the goal of providing meaningful jobs and a robust economy to the citizens of St. Louis and the State of Missouri.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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