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## An Open Letter to the Washington State Legislature

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Today our state is at a crossroads. The Aerospace Machinists Union represents nearly 33,000 members who have a proud tradition of building the best airplanes in the world. Nearly 140,000 workers are employed in aerospace and aerospace-related jobs in Washington. In the past eight years this industry has generated \$4 billion in state tax revenue, \$3.3 billion directly attributed to the Boeing Co.

Very soon, Boeing will decide where to build the next wide-body airplane, the 777X. The 777X will be an airline industry workhorse and the premier large twin aisle aircraft for decades to come. If it is build here in Washington, it will provide work to thousands of our state's residents for much of the next 30 years.

Boeing approached our union recently with a list of requirements it needs from our members in order for it to be willing to build this airplane in our state. Our union is currently presenting this to our members for their consideration.

However, the company has other requirements they need to justify their investment in our state. That's where you, our elected representatives, come into play.

The Boeing Co. needs the Washington Legislature to pass a comprehensive transportation bill that will allow it to move products and people more efficiently around Puget Sound. Our union strongly supports this, because of the benefits it will bring to Boeing and the aerospace industry, and because it will help all of state's businesses compete in the global marketplace.

Boeing and the Machinists Union have disagreed on things in the past. But today we are united in asking you to move quickly during this special session to pass this transportation bill. If we, as a state, are to take advantage of this opportunity, we must move now. And that means you must move now.

As I said before, our state stands at a crossroads. I ask you to move forward on the right path to the future for our industry and our shared future.

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