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January 10, 2012

Mr. James McNerney
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
100 North Riverside Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. McNerney:

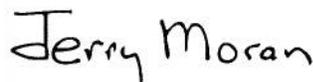
The Boeing Company's recent announcement to close its Wichita facility by 2013 is a significant setback to the economic well-being of the Wichita community – a community Boeing has been a vital part of for the last eight decades. Despite the loss of more than 2,000 Boeing jobs, I am confident that given Wichita's skilled workforce, leading facilities, and dedicated leaders, the city will bounce back, maintaining its reputation as the Air Capital of the World. With this in mind, I write today about the future of Boeing's property in Wichita.

The city of Wichita and the state of Kansas have been key partners in Boeing's success over the years. According to news reports, since 1979 the city of Wichita has provided more than \$3.5 billion in industrial revenue bonds to finance Boeing facilities and \$650 million in property tax abatements. Boeing has also profited from lower taxes and worker training programs put into place by the state of Kansas. Additionally, Boeing has benefited from a supportive federal congressional delegation, which stood by Boeing throughout the last decade in the fierce competition for the Air Force tanker contract.

Now that Boeing has decided to leave Wichita, I ask that you consider supporting the community – which has long been a loyal partner to Boeing – as they work to regain their footing during this difficult time. As Boeing seeks to find a new owner for the Wichita facility after operations cease in 2013, please seriously consider conveying the property to a local or state development authority. Such a contribution will enable the city of Wichita to attract new industries and get its economy back on track.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and ask that you would meet with state and local officials to discuss this option further. I look forward to working with you to minimize the impact of Boeing's departure on the Wichita economy and community.

Very truly yours,



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