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President Joesph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear President Joesph R. Biden:

On behalf of the supply chain companies within the Aerospace Industries Association, we are writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labor strike at The Boeing Company and its significant implications for the aerospace supply chain, national security, and overall economic security.

As you are aware, The Boeing Company is a cornerstone of the American aerospace industry and plays a critical role in the commercial aviation, defense, and space sectors. The current labor disputes have led to substantial disruptions in production schedules, which hinder our industry's ability to meet both domestic and international commitments.

Because the aerospace supply chain is vast and interconnected, the ramifications of this strike extend beyond a single company, affecting countless suppliers across the nation. Continued disruptions damage the resiliency of the supply chain, as well as the economies of communities that rely on these industries, impacting many of the 2.21 million Americans that work in the aerospace industry, with 60 percent of those jobs directly linked to the supply chain. As the strike goes on, we are likely to see job loss throughout the aerospace ecosystem.

Additionally, a protracted strike may have grave national security implications, causing delays in military aircraft production and maintenance that could compromise our defense readiness at a critical time in the world. It is crucial that we ensure the stability and resilience of this sector to protect our nation, maintain a strong national defense, and support our allies abroad.

We commend your administration for the support in resolving the recent longshoreman strike, fostering cooperation between labor and management, and we appreciate your sending Acting Secretary of Labor Su to Seattle to make an in-person intervention earlier this week. We urge you to continue engaging with all stakeholders involved to seek a prompt and equitable resolution as soon as possible before the effects become even more pronounced.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. Action from your Administration will assist in restoring stability to the aerospace industry and support the aerospace workforce who are essential to its success. The importance of the American aerospace and defense industry, of which The Boeing Company is a major part, to our country cannot be understated, and a swift resolution is paramount to the survival of companies like ours.

Respectfully,

The Supply Chain Policy and Advocacy Council
Aerospace Industries Association