

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. W. James McNerney, Jr.
The Boeing Company
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Dear Mr. McNerney:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me in my office today to discuss the importance of Boeing to the St. Louis region. As we discussed, I believe there would be no better location for production of the 777X than St. Louis.

The St. Louis area is home to men and women who embody the unparalleled Midwestern work ethic. Additionally, St. Louis has had the opportunity to serve as a faithful home to Boeing and Boeing precursors since James McDonnell incorporated the McDonnell Aircraft Company in 1939, and today is fortunate to count Boeing Defense, Space and Security as a hometown business. You undoubtedly recognize the talent of Missouri's Boeing aerospace employees, and I can assure you that those individuals and our State's broader workforce are able and ready to meet the growing demand for Boeing commercial aircraft.

Beyond our gifted workforce, Eastern Missouri offers a plethora of advantages. The incomparable proximity to the Mississippi River allows for major barge traffic and easy transport of goods throughout the United States and to foreign nations. The Lambert-St. Louis International Airport has capacity far beyond its current use and would fit the needs of commercial aviation production. Additionally, Missouri is home to nearly 700 Boeing suppliers, the majority of which are located in the immediate St. Louis area.

Our history together has been a successful one and I am confident that a move to St. Louis is in the best interest of not only our State but Boeing as well. We stand ready to continue to work with Boeing to strengthen the Missouri economy, bring new jobs to our state, and continue to support U.S. commercial aviation interests throughout our region and in Congress.

Thank you for your highest consideration of this request. I look forward to working closely with the Boeing team to make St. Louis the home of the 777X.

Sincerely,



Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress