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Mr. David Hess
President
Pratt & Whitney
400 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear Mr. Hess,

I am writing regarding the recent announcement that Pratt & Whitney is considering closing the Aircraft Overhaul and Repair Center in Cheshire. This surprise announcement, which would potentially close a profitable piece of the company's business, could have negative impacts on our national security, would be harmful to the hundreds of employees who have worked tirelessly for Pratt & Whitney, and hurt the State of Connecticut, which has supported Pratt & Whitney and the United Technologies Companies (UTC) for years.

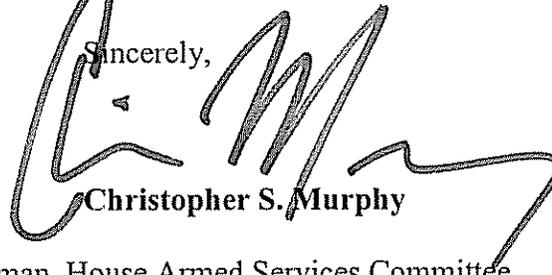
As you are aware, the facility is currently engaged in critical work in support of the F117 engine used to power the United States Air Force's C-17 Globemaster III. The C-17 has been instrumental in support of our military operations abroad and the assurance that the aircraft's power source is maintained and repaired by the most skilled American workforce available is intrinsic to its ongoing success. It is my understanding that, currently, the Cheshire facility is the only facility in the Pratt and Whitney network that provides overhaul work on the F117. It is therefore worrisome that you would consider shuttering this facility and moving the work to a location, possibly overseas, that we know does not have the expertise to complete the work that is already ongoing in Cheshire.

Additionally, I understand that just last month, the Cheshire facility set a record by delivering \$110 million in revenue for the company. While I understand that UTC's profits were down in the second quarter, seemingly, the Cheshire facility defied the trend of the overall business to record these record revenues.

As you begin meeting with your employees and making a determination about the fate of the facility, I strongly urge you to consider the impact that your decision will have on your commitment to the United States Air Force, which depends on the great work done in Cheshire. For this reason, I believe closing the facility is the wrong way to proceed and as such have notified the House Armed Services Committee Chairman of the potential closing of the Cheshire facility and the negative impact its closing may have on the readiness of our nation's C-17 fleet.

I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months to help preserve the jobs here in Connecticut and in doing so, support our nation's national security interests. I look forward to discussing very important matter with you at anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Murphy', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Christopher S. Murphy

Cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee