



IAM LEGISLATIVE ALERT

STOP THE AIR FORCE'S MISGUIDED TANKER AWARD

The Pentagon recently bypassed Boeing and awarded Airbus a \$40 billion contract to build 179 refueling tankers for the U.S. Air Force

Boeing is appealing the Air Force's outrageous award, which appears to be a classic case of bait and switch by the Air Force--saying it wanted a midsize tanker, but then changing the award criteria to suit Airbus' much larger plane.

This shameful decision can be changed, but only if we act. Gather a group of IAM members then contact your two U.S. Senators and your House member to ask that they support the following:

- A full investigation of the circumstance surrounding the awarding of the tanker contract to a foreign contractor.
- Hearings on the countries exempt from the "Buy America Act", the use of waivers to foreign contractors for defense contracts and the impact on national security.
- The defunding of the award of the Air Force's contract to Airbus/Northrop Grumman.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOW

It is very important that your Senators and Congressional Representative hear from you now. If you do not know who they are, you can find out by going to <http://www.capwiz.com/iamaw/dbq/officials/> and entering your zip code.

When visiting your local Congressional office remember the following:

- Be courteous, but let them know that you are upset with the Air Force's decision and that it is wrong for America. It is about American jobs and your tax dollars!
- Ask that your Senators and Representative support tough hearings on the Air Force's award to a foreign contractor, the "Buy America Act" exemptions and waivers impact on Jobs and national security as well as a commitment to defund of the award.
- It is very important to get a YES or NO commitment from your representative. If they are uncertain, find out why and let us know on the attached form.

File the attached report. Be sure to tell your Lodge membership that you contacted your Senators and Congressional Representative and what their position was.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!