## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to share with you our concerns as Pratt and Whitney prepares to shutter two of its Connecticut plants, laying off more than one thousand workers and moving many of these skilled, American jobs overseas.

Since Pratt and Whitney first announced these closures in July, the workers at the affected plants have offered \$80 million in concessions. Additionally, the Connecticut Congressional delegation worked closely with the State of Connecticut to come up with an additional \$100 million to keep these plants open. Unfortunately, Pratt & Whitney's parent corporation, United Technologies, has rejected these generous offers.

We believe that every effort must be made to preserve America's industrial base. As a delegation, we have personally met with United Technologies leadership regarding the importance of retaining these two vital plants, but to no avail. We respectfully request that you use every measure at your disposal to keep these highly skilled, family wage jobs in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD

United States Senator

JOE LIEBERMAN

United States Senator

ROSA DELAURO

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