

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 27, 2018

Ms. Lisa Davis  
300 New Jersey Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Lisa Davis:

I write to reiterate my extreme displeasure and frustration at your decision to close the former Dresser-Rand facility in Wellsville, New York and layoff the hundreds of hard-working men and women employed there. Furthermore, I am asking once again that you reconsider this decision and work with partners at the local, state, and federal level – including the State of New York, the Allegany County IDA, the International Association of Machinists and others – to come up with a solution that could save as many of these jobs as possible. As I made clear to you on our phone call in February and in subsequent discussions at the staff level, the decision to shutter this plant was not inevitable, nor were local stakeholders, workers or state and federal officials given the opportunity to address any concerns the company had in ways that would have reversed the conditions that led to this unfortunate outcome.

When Siemens first acquired Dresser-Rand in 2015 I made it clear that it was my expectation that you would not only protect the existing workforce, but also work to invest in the former Dresser-Rand facilities. At the time Siemens committed that they had no plans to reduce the workforce or downsize Dresser-Rand's footprint. And yet, less than 4 years later, Siemens is shuttering the Wellsville facility and laying off hundreds of workers. Not only that, but this action follows a number of smaller layoffs at the other regional Dresser-Rand facilities since the Siemens acquisition in 2015. While I appreciate that you have to make difficult decisions, these actions put the local communities in an incredibly difficult situation, and so I'd urge you to reconsider the decision to begin laying off workers in Wellsville.

I have been a long-time supporter of Dresser-Rand and its world-class workforce, and have always worked to help protect the vital jobs the three Dresser-Rand facilities provide to the Southern Tier. Yet, your abrupt decision to close one of these three facilities was made without any meaningful effort to engage in a dialogue at the local, state, or federal level about how to save the jobs, improve the effectiveness of the plant if necessary, or expand the operation to make the facility more cost effective. As I made clear on our phone call earlier this year, I am more than ready to engage in such a dialogue, and I am certain the other stakeholders would be as well, but we need you to come to the table with the objective of developing a plan to keep this plant open. I have also worked closely with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) who represent many of the excellent and talented workers at this facility. I have always found IAM willing and open to discussing potential mutually beneficial resolutions to issues impacting a plants viability but in order for that to happen it's critical that the company engage in a productive and open dialogue with all of the parties involved.

I appreciate that Siemens is still a large employer in New York, but as such I am hopeful that you'll reconsider closing this facility, and instead work with regional stakeholders to develop a plan that is both beneficial to the company and to the hard working men and women at the Wellsville facility. We've seen this situation before, including with companies like Kraft-Heinz, and through a productive dialogue with all levels of government and the labor organizations representing the workers at the facilities we were able to arrive at a positive outcome. In that light, I strongly encourage you to engage in a similar dialogue and work with us to find a solution that helps protect the great men and women working at your facility in Wellsville.

I appreciate your attention to this issue, should we need further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator