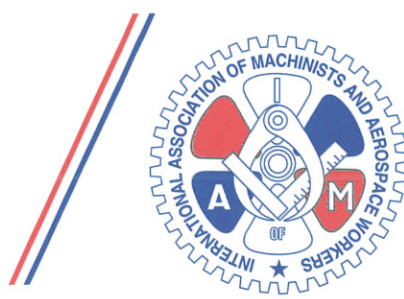


**International
Association of
Machinists and
Aerospace Workers**



9000 Machinists Place
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-2687

Area Code 301
967-4500



OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 6, 2018

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the largest defense and aerospace union in the United States, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), I urge you to support the vitally important amendment sponsored by Senator Chris Murphy to the Senate's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019, which will strengthen Buy American requirements for major defense acquisition programs. The amendment would bolster our economic and national security and create good, middle-class U.S. jobs by increasing Buy American requirements for major defense acquisition programs to 100 percent domestic content.

Buy American policies serve the public good by targeting our tax dollars for the purchase of American made products and services, thereby employing U.S. workers and putting our federal tax receipts to work here at home. For far too long we have neglected to properly consider the impact of defense procurement policy on America's defense industrial base and, consequently, on the U.S. economy. We as a nation need to act strategically when it comes to defense procurement. Not only do we need the best products for our armed services, but we must also support our defense industrial base, including the small and mid-sized firms across America that constitute the supply chain for critical defense programs. We must understand that the foundation of our industrial base lies with the skills and abilities of the American worker. Senator Murphy's amendment would help ensure that our tax dollars are used to support the U.S. workforce and the firms who employ them.

I urge you to support Senator Chris Murphy's common sense amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 to strengthen Buy American requirements for major defense acquisition programs. If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575.

Sincerely,

Robert Martinez, Jr.
International President, IAMAW