

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

October 19, 2021

Jim Taiclet  
President and CEO  
Lockheed Martin Corporation  
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Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Mr. Taiclet,

It has come to our attention that Lockheed Martin Corporation has presented the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Local Lodge 709 a proposal to outsource the union-represented Fire Safety Department at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics facility in Marietta, Georgia. As members of the Georgia congressional delegation, we are concerned by this proposal and the potential negative impact on workers and your facility's longstanding record of safety and health. We urge you to work in good faith with IAM Local 709 to protect workers' jobs and positions.

The Lockheed Martin Marietta facility employs over 5,000 Georgians working across a 900-acre campus with myriad buildings, entryways, and corridors. As firefighters, first responders, and EMTs, the Marietta Fire Safety Department has decades of training and experience protecting the safety and health of the workforce, as well as the government funded assets, located on this large and complex campus. These workers have the institutional knowledge of this campus that is necessary to best protect their colleagues. We are concerned by the risks that could come with replacing this highly trained and experienced safety team with outside contractors with little knowledge of the facility.

The Fire Safety Department is a group of 50 proven professionals who are known to go above and beyond the call of duty in serving the Lockheed Martin facility and local community and who are deeply committed to health and safety. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, they have continued to work in tight quarters, braving the risk of infection to keep the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics facility and their fellow employees safe.

We urge you to support the workers who have provided firefighting services to this facility for over 50 years and work in good faith to preserve these valued positions.

Sincerely,



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Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress



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Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator



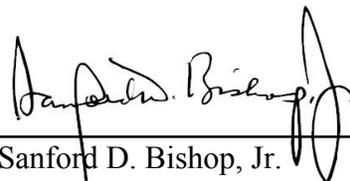
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United States Senator



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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