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Subject: Boeing Complaint

I am writing to inform you that that, based on a merit determination by Acting General Counsel Lafe Solomon, I issued a Complaint today against Boeing, alleging violations of 8(a) (1) and (3) by their decision and various statements that they decided to place the second line for the 787 Dreamliner production at a non-union site in So. Carolina rather than with the IAM represented unit here because the union had engaged in past strikes and in order to avoid the consequences of future potential strikes. As striking constitutes protected concerted activity under the NLRA , transferring work to retaliate against employees for engaging in such activity violates the statute. The remedy we seek includes restoration of the second line here but does not seek to interfere with Boeing's opportunity to place work anywhere, including So.Carolina, for non-discriminatory reasons. The Complaint issued only after Lafe made numerous efforts to reach a negotiated settlement.

I want to particularly recognize the hard work of Dianne, who investigated this case and who did a superb job of assembling the evidence and analyzing the legal principles. Mara is currently assigned the trial; I expect to select another attorney to work with her and of course remain open to further settlement opportunities.

I expect this case may generate significant public and press interest. Please direct any such inquiries to me.

Many thanks.

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