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Dear Mr. Solomon:

During a time when states are recovering from a recession, the best announcement a governor can make is one about new investment and jobs. When a company chooses to come to a state, it does so because the state has a low cost of doing business, a trained workforce, and a favorable regulatory climate. If the company chooses to locate in a right-to-work state, that is an added bonus.

In October 2009, South Carolina welcomed Boeing to North Charleston where the company's second line of 787 Dreamliners would be produced and assembled in a new state-of-the-art facility. By investing billions of dollars in the state and creating thousands of quality jobs, Boeing – with just one announcement – changed the face of South Carolina forever.

However, in April, you and the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for a charge claiming that Boeing's decision to build a new and additional line in South Carolina, instead of Washington, was based on anti-union sentiments. To that claim, the facts are clear. Although South Carolina is a right-to-work state and Washington is not, Boeing continues to invest money and create jobs in both states with seemingly little regard to their differing labor policies. Boeing is not transferring work from a union to a non-union state; Boeing is creating new work in both states.

While Boeing is committed to doing business with union and non-union states, the NLRB has overstepped its mandate to protect the rights of laborers and has instead opted to protect only the interests of organized labor. This undermines the principles of free market capitalism upon which this nation is built. It is clear that if the NLRB can charge Boeing and punish South Carolina, then it can do so to other companies and other states.

When we, as governors, are fighting to improve the economic interests of our states, the federal government should not stand in our way. While governors are trying to break the ties that bind

free enterprises from doing business, the federal government should not tell Boeing where it can build airplanes.

By issuing complaints against businesses for exercising their basic rights, as the NLRB has done, a clear message is sent to all businesses that they are not welcome, that their jobs are not fit for our citizens, and that the benefits of their success should not be shared with our communities.

Accordingly, we ask that you dismiss your case against Boeing: Case 19-CA-32431.

Sincerely,

Governor Nikki Haley
South Carolina

Governor Robert J. Bentley
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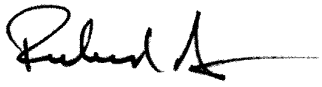

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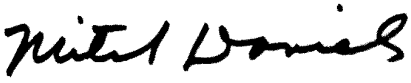

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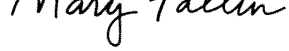

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