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A Message from Congressman Adam Smith
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Congressman Adam Smith (WA-09), Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee, released the following statement after the National Labor Relations Board issued a complaint against the Boeing Company alleging that it violated federal labor law during the decision-making process to transfer a second production line to South Carolina:

"I steadfastly support the collective bargaining rights of U.S. workers and hope that the complaint filed by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against The Boeing Company is fully considered under the law. We must be vigilant in maintaining a business environment where workers can organize and negotiate without fear of intimidation or future retaliation.

"The Pacific Northwest is proud of Boeing and its role in the company's long history of innovation and excellence in aerospace manufacturing. The global market for airplanes is an increasingly competitive arena where companies are forced to act in their best economic interests to remain successful. I encourage Boeing to work within the framework of the law as a global leader in aerospace manufacturing and technology. Boeing's recent win of the $35 billion Air Force refueling tanker contract attests that the company and unions can be incredibly successful when they work together.

"I look forward to a fair legal process and will be monitoring the upcoming June 14 NLRB hearing."

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