

United States Senate

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The Honorable Don Evans
Secretary of Commerce
Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Evans:

I write with regards to my long-standing interest in the United States aerospace industry. More than 800,000 American workers are employed in manufacturing jobs within the U.S. commercial aerospace industry. According to a recent report, Washington state has the third highest number of aerospace workers among all states with salaries averaging \$57,000 per year.

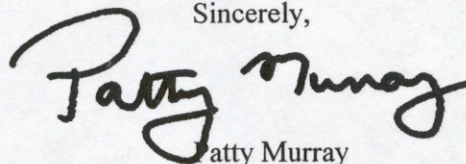
The U.S. aerospace industry continues to struggle economically for a number of reasons including a cyclical industry downturn, the terrorist attacks on our country and the global recession. I also believe our aerospace industry has been hurt and faces continuing threats from a foreign, state subsidized competitor. With this in mind, I am interested in any information the Department of Commerce and the Office of Aerospace have regarding various claims put forth publicly by the European aircraft manufacturer Airbus. Airbus has asserted that the company makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy.

I am particularly interested in any reviews conducted by the Department of Commerce on the claims made by Airbus regarding its contributions to the U.S. economy. For example, I have attached materials from Airbus which assert that Airbus contributes \$5 billion a year to the U.S. economy, has created 100,000 American jobs and contracts work with 800 U.S. companies. Airbus claims an even larger economic impact if U.S. sub-suppliers are factored in to U.S. work. Airbus also claims that U.S. companies provide up to 40 percent of the content in its aircraft.

Please provide me with any relevant information regarding the above claims represented by Airbus. Further, any information regarding Airbus' contribution to the U.S. economy beyond the content business will be helpful to me. I want to know the actual Airbus contribution to the overall U.S. aerospace industry, not just the content segment of the industry.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please feel free to contact me directly or have your staff contact Ben McMakin at 224-2621.

Sincerely,



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