

SPEEA calls on Boeing to cease operations in Russia



SEATTLE - Russia's continued attack on Ukraine and its people demands more action by U.S. corporations, including The Boeing Company.

While more than 400 U.S. companies have stopped and removed operations in Russia, Boeing has only announced "suspension" of work in Moscow and elsewhere. The Boeing website still lists its Russian facilities and operations and refers to its Moscow Design Center as "the largest engineering division outside the United States." There is no mention of suspended operations on the Boeing/Russia webpages.

Boeing previously announced it will no longer buy titanium and aluminum from Russia. With the most recent announcement of Russia calling up more troops and escalating the war, it is clear stronger action is warranted.

The Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), IFPTE Local 2001, calls on Boeing to cease all operations in Russia and start the permanent transfer of that work to other locations.

The destruction and atrocities Russia is inflicting on Ukraine and its people will reverberate for decades after this brutal conflict ends. As a world leader in aerospace, Boeing's permanent departure will send a strong message to Russia that there are far reaching consequences for invading and inflicting unforgivable death and destruction on sovereign countries and their people.

In making this call to Boeing, the 17,000 SPEEA-represented employees at Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems, extend a hand of solidarity to the people of Ukraine. While we cannot fully imagine the horrors Russia has inflicted on you, your families, and your way of life this past year, we are in awe of your bravery and resolve to save your country.

As a union formed and maintained by collective action, we stand in Solidarity with the people of Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with our call on Russia to end this conflict and recall its troops.

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