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Tom Boelling
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Dear Brother Boelling:

The 19,000 aerospace professionals represented by SPEEA stand in solidarity with the striking IAM Union Machinists in St. Louis.

Boeing has an unfortunate history of undervaluing its workers. This short-sighted failure to support and nurture Boeing's most critical resource is the root cause of many of the problems that the company has faced in recent years. Your current strike is a clear signal that nothing has changed, and that Boeing has learned nothing from labor disputes involving our union siblings in IAM District 751 and International Association of Fire Fighters Local I-66 last year.

IAM District 837 members do work that's critical for our national defense. Their skills, dedication and hard work make it possible for American airmen and our allies to defend our nations and our national interests.

We stand with the 3,200 IAM 837 members demanding a contract that reflects their worth. While executives receive massive pay packages, the workers who build our defense systems are asked to accept less. That's wrong. They deserve dignity, stability, and a fair future. An injury to one is an injury to all.

In Solidarity,

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