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**Washington Aerospace Partnership  
Statement on Boeing Decision on locating second 787 Dreamliner Line**

We are deeply disappointed Boeing chose to build the second line of the 787 outside of Washington State. It shows that we can't take our long history in aerospace or with Boeing for granted. We must rededicate our efforts to build our aerospace business sector.

Competition in the aerospace industry is intense and will only get stronger therefore we need to redouble our efforts to keep Washington at the forefront of the industry. We need to continue to invest in our workforce and our business climate. Our mission must be to position ourselves at the cutting edge of technology and innovation.

The Partnership's focus now is the next opportunity: the US Air Force Refueling Tanker contract. The competition with Airbus and its partners is fierce. To win this contract, we need to be vigilant, to challenge our state and its workers and we must continue to create an environment that is forward thinking. We also need maintain and push the boundaries of our design and facility capabilities, continue to educate our workforce, and advance state policies to better our position to keep our aerospace advantage.

We believe the US is the best place for building this military aircraft. The US, and Washington state in particular, is on the cutting edge of developing the next generation of commercial and military planes. We have a successful track record of building the world's safest and best airplanes.

Awarding the contract to build a military tanker aircraft to a foreign manufacturer would be bad for our national security and bad for our economy – for today and for the future.

Join with Washington Aerospace Partnership to support Boeing's bid to design and manufacture the next US Air Force Tanker refueling jets.

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*The Washington Aerospace Partnership is a diverse coalition of business and labor leaders, civic and elected officials, and private citizens across Washington who are joining to ensure that we protect and expand jobs in aerospace. It is co-chaired by Bob Drewel, Prosperity Partnership, Rick Bender, Washington State AFL-CIO, and Tayloe Washburn, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.*