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Ambassador Robert Lighthizer
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th St NW
Washington, DC 20006

RE: Request for Comments - Enforcement of U.S. WTO Rights in Large Civil Aircraft Dispute (Docket Number USTR-2020-0023)

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

On behalf of the thousands of Alabama aerospace workers and suppliers supporting our Gulf Coast communities we ask that you not consider placing tariffs on imported aircraft parts and components in the above referenced case. Airbus' investment in Alabama means American jobs, advancement in American ingenuity, and further development in our high-skilled labor markets.

Since Airbus first came to Mobile over a decade ago they have invested more than \$1 billion in the Gulf Coast region. Mobile has become a magnet for economic growth and a leader in the global aerospace industry which has positively impacted Baldwin County. As a result, the heart of Trump country is hoping to become the 4th largest aviation center in the world.

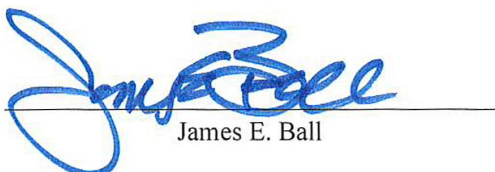
The livelihood of American employees, American customers, and American suppliers who have embraced Airbus' decision to build aircraft in the United States will be crushed if duties are placed on parts and components used at their facility, the Airbus A320 Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Mobile. At minimum, tariffs on aircraft parts and components will result in substantive job loss and will reverse the advances in aerospace engineering and growth that the state of Alabama is so proud to support.

We invite you back to Mobile to see firsthand the success of our growing aerospace community and to meet with the men and women in Mobile and Baldwin County growing our economy and helping America to fly into the future!

Sincerely,


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