# **GREATER ST. LOUIS INC.**

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**Dear Council Members:** 

As investors of Greater St. Louis, Inc., we write to encourage your support of The Boeing Company's competitive expansion project at St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

Greater St. Louis, Inc. is an organization uniting our 15-county bi-state St. Louis metro to work collaboratively to advance inclusive economic growth. Member companies, ranging from local small businesses to multinational public and private corporations, employ more than 220,000 people within the metropolitan area and generate a combined global revenue of more than \$1.16 trillion.

Boeing's presence is felt broadly and deeply throughout our metro economy. The company directly employs nearly 16,000 people and is estimated to indirectly impact more than 34,000 jobs across the metro. In addition, the company spends over \$750 million at more than 350 local suppliers and is a leader in philanthropic work throughout the metro, donating \$13 million annually to local charities.

We appreciate your diligence in this matter and understand the difficult decisions you must make regarding public resources. In addition to bringing 500 new jobs and \$1.8 billion in investment to a distressed area of our metro, the proposal being put before the Council would create \$155 million in new revenue that could be used for additional priorities across St. Louis County and would not impact existing County revenue. Furthermore, the project will show the rest of the country and the world that St. Louis is prepared to compete and win jobs for our region.

These investments, public and private, will support all of our residents in the metro given that we enjoy a highly talented and diverse workforce. The jobs created will generate additional economic activity, providing all within our community greater opportunity to thrive.

St. Louis' history in aerospace is an important part of our proud legacy, with our expertise and pride in this industry going back almost 100 years. We want to see that legacy continue for another century.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your decision in the coming weeks.

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