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May 26, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am truly sorry I did not have a chance to speak with you yesterday afternoon on the House floor about a matter that is crucial to my Congressional District in Alabama and could have lasting implications, not only with our global trading partners in Europe, but also in terms of the message that would be sent by this Congress, under your leadership, to tens of thousands of people along America's Gulf Coast.

Let me get straight to the point: this letter is with regard to the Inslee, DeLauro and Tiahrt Amendment that will be considered later today by the Rules Committee as a possible amendment to the FY 2011 Defense Authorization bill.

First, I am enclosing a letter written to you and signed last night by Ralph Crosby, Chairman of the Board of EADS North America. I promised Ralph I would personally deliver it to your office this morning, just as I am delivering a similar letter to Majority Leader Hoyer and Minority Leader Boehner. Mr. Crosby's letter speaks for itself in terms of the lasting implications this amendment would have in our multilateral trade relationship with our European allies. For this reason alone, I would hope you would consider sending a strong message to the Chairwoman of the Rules Committee expressing your own misgivings about this amendment being attached to the FY 2011 DOD authorization bill.

Closer to home, Madam Speaker, allow me to point out another serious concern that I have about this amendment.

As you well know, the people along America's Gulf Coast are rightfully preoccupied with the oil spill pumping millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. There is an angst, concern and frustration bubbling up in small towns and large cities unlike anything I have ever seen, and both individuals and small businesses are seeing their livelihood and their way of life directly threatened.

Madam Speaker, you have visited the Gulf Coast many times, you have friends who live on the Gulf Coast and as our Speaker, I know you have a genuine concern for what is happening all along the Gulf Coast as a result of this catastrophic event. As Carol

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Browner made clear yesterday, this will undoubtedly become the worst oil spill in U.S. history and the long-term damage to our ecology, as well as to our economy, could be devastating.

And yet, I would implore you to consider the message the Inslee, DeLauro and Tiahrt Amendment would send to tens of thousands of Gulf Coast families who are literally seeing the way of life they have known for generations disappear.

Instead of sending a message of support to the Gulf Coast, this amendment would essentially say that the Congress of the United States is on record against giving these wonderful people any chance to ever participate in a fair and open competition – as sanctioned by the Obama Administration and the Department of Defense – for the opportunity to build world class airplanes in support of our brave men and women in uniform.

I know you, Madam Speaker, to have a compassionate heart. Please don't send this message to these people at this time. Please don't let the influence of the Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union – or any other friend or ally – rob the hard-working people of the Gulf Coast from having a chance to compete in the global marketplace.

As always, I am happy to discuss this matter with you if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information. Thank you very much for your consideration of my concerns. With highest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner  
Member of Congress

*I would greatly appreciate  
your consideration of this.*

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## NORTH AMERICA

Ralph D. Crosby, Jr.  
Chairman  
EADS North America

May 25, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madame Speaker,

As you are aware, consideration is being given to amending the Defense Authorization Bill to incorporate issues currently before the World Trade Organization as factors in the KC-X tanker competition. This initiative is designed to be prejudicial against the EADS North America bid. If passed, this legislation would violate the WTO Treaty which forbids punitive action taken on trade matters being adjudicated by the organization.

In support of this initiative, it has been widely reported in the media that the Boeing Company today has made allegations of improprieties by EADS, specifically regarding trade with Iran. I assure you that these allegations are untrue. EADS scrupulously abides by the laws and regulations that govern the sale of our products—which include the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Boeing clearly has resorted to the use of falsehoods, as their only possible tool to prevent the fair competition that the Department of Defense has committed to for the selection of a replacement aerial refueling tanker for the US Air Force. Their effort to use legislation to change the rules of this procurement places their own self-interest ahead of that of the US warfighter, who will be the primary beneficiary of this carefully formulated competitive procurement.

A much more authoritative statement regarding EADS standing with the US Department of Defense was made by the Pentagon today.

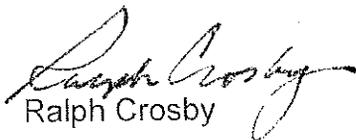
“We would not have welcomed EADS North America's participation in this important competition unless they were a company in good standing with the Department of Defense”.

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EADS believes that our record of performance for the US Departments of Defense and Homeland Security speaks for itself. We are already a trusted prime contractor. As prime for the US Army's Light Utility Helicopter, we have delivered every aircraft—more than 100—either on or ahead of schedule. We believe this record is much more important than ill advised and untrue allegations by a competitor.

I request that you and your leadership give full consideration to these issues before allowing such an amendment to go forward.

Respectfully,

  
Ralph Crosby