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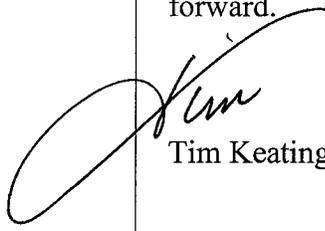


Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Boeing Company supports the Committee's bill to reauthorize the Department of State, H. R. 2410. The bill is intended to strengthen and streamline the export control system governing commercial communications satellites, as well as ensure that adequate resources are applied to the export licensing of defense articles and services.

Boeing appreciates the Committee's work to modernize the licensing regime for commercial satellites in Section 826 of the bill as well as the bill's increase in monetary thresholds for Congressional notification of arms sales. These two legislative changes have long been sought by the industry and its workers who rely on robust exports for job sustainment and growth.

We look forward to working with you and the Committee staff as the bill moves forward.



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