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Dan Shultz  
President of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp  
6900 Main Street  
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Dear Dan:

I write to express my strong disappointment in Sikorsky's decision to shutter its facility in Coatesville, PA. This facility has a long history of quality manufacturing, both for commercial customers and to deliver on requirements for the Department of Defense. I ask you to reconsider this decision and work with me to ensure this plant can remain vibrant and its workforce employed in support of our defense priorities.

When we met in February, I shared with you how important it was to me for us to work together to ensure this plant could thrive. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I have the honor of representing not only the interests of my community but the state as a whole when it comes to issues facing our Defense Department and our defense industrial base. I offered, and frankly expected the opportunity to work with you should Sikorsky decide to make changes affecting the Coatesville facility.

Coming from the private sector, I understand that sometimes hard business decisions must be made. However, my staff has advised me that Sikorsky has been aware of declining demand for helicopters for commercial customers, especially those that serve the oil and gas market, for several years now. While the decision was a surprise to me and likely to many in the workforce, Sikorsky leadership had time to plan. During our call yesterday, I asked for what steps Sikorsky had taken to evaluate options for moving new or different work to the Coatesville facility to make up for declining commercial demand. I was disappointed that you were not able to offer any specifics.

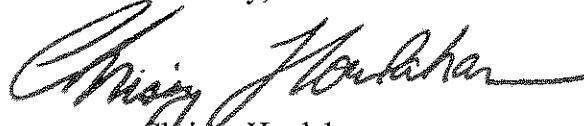
It is particularly troubling that this decision comes as the Administration has asked Congress for \$650 million in Fiscal Year 2020 funding to continue the VH-92 Presidential helicopter program, which has been proudly produced at Coatesville for many years. I ask that in your response, you please detail Sikorsky's plans for continuing that work, and what impact there will be on the supply chain and any additional costs to the taxpayer associated with moving the VH-92 work to another facility.

I note that you recently celebrated the opening of a Customer Care Center at your Connecticut facility, and that the Sikorsky VP of Customer Support, Joe Triompo, said "Sikorsky is focused on enhancing customer support and achieving excellence in customer satisfaction." I am left

wondering, what can I do as the representative of the other side of the equation – the workforce – to encourage you to treat them with the same kind of care and consideration as you do your customers?

Again, I ask that you recognize the strength of the workforce at the Coatesville facility and work with me to identify opportunities for this plant to continue its operations. Thank you for taking the time to talk with me yesterday, and I stand ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chrissy Houlahan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chrissy Houlahan  
Member of Congress