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Dear Mr. Paja and Mr. Black,

We have been very disappointed to learn that GKN Aerospace plans to close its Hazelwood facility in December 2023. For the past two decades, GKN has provided a thousand jobs for people and families across the St. Louis region.

The recent announcement that the facility would close next year came as a surprise for our local community, particularly given the risk of losing hundreds of good-paying jobs in the process. Given the impact this would have on families and our economy, our top priority is to see what can be done to keep these jobs in St. Louis.

Additionally, as we continue to gather information the impact this closure will have in our community, we respectfully seek your response to the following questions:

1. Does GKN plan to move jobs elsewhere, consolidate, or shut down its business altogether? Aside from closure, what other alternatives have been considered?
2. Will GKN commit to participating in discussions to develop a plan that keeps people employed? Does GKN plan to continue producing these parts? If so, where will that work be done? If not, why not?
3. What steps is GKN taking to ensure that workers have clear and transparent information during this process?
4. By what date will workers have clarity about what is next for the facility so they can make informed decisions? Are there plans to outsource work or transfer employees to other GKN facilities?
5. What factors contributed to GKN's decision to close? Was profitability of the Hazelwood facility a factor?
6. Are there any GKN plans, studies or reviews conducted regarding the economic viability of this facility?

7. Has GKN received a buy-out offer for the Hazelwood facility? Is there a backup supplier that would replace GKN?

As the conversations continue about the future of work at this site, we implore you to center the lives and skills of workers in all considerations as we work together to maintain a strong industrial base in our region for years to come, particularly as we work to sustain vital manufacturing jobs in the St. Louis region.

Sincerely,



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