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**A STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY OF THE STATE SUSAN
BYSIEWICZ ON SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT POSSIBLY MOVING
PART OF ITS OPERATION OUT OF STATE**

"I was deeply disappointed to learn earlier today of the announcement by Sikorsky management that they are considering moving jobs out of the State of Connecticut. Given their ongoing dispute with workers, this hasty action appears more one of retaliation than sound, well-planned business strategy. This action would hurt not only the individual workers involved, but would damage the entire state's economy. And our nation would be affected – at a time when our troops depend on Sikorsky for the tools they need to do their jobs, Sikorsky should not be diverting time, energy, and resources to moving locations. It is also hard to imagine that the company would be in a position to find better skilled and motivated workers than those in Connecticut in another part of the country.

"The fight currently being waged over health care should not be at an impasse; Sikorsky management should sit down and listen to other offers the workers there have made. Rather than that, though, they're now talking about punishing not only the workers, but all of Connecticut as well. This is exactly the wrong tone to sound. Sikorsky has been a tremendous part of Connecticut's business economy for decades, and their work for the American defense industry has been a source of pride for Connecticut for just as long. As Connecticut's Chief Business Registrar, I urge both parties to set aside differences and negotiate in good faith until an agreement is reached. Shareholders, citizens, and our troops deserve no less."

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