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The Honorable Adam Smith
United States House of Representatives
227 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith,

I write to thank you on behalf of SPEEA, IFPTE 2001's 20,000+ members, for sponsoring the Trade Adjustment Assistance Improvement Act (TAA).

SPEEA supports this legislation because service sector workers are increasingly being affected due to job loss from world trade. While SPEEA members working in Boeing Commercial Airplanes have benefited from TAA for many years, many of our members who work in Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems (IDS) or in computing and IT support jobs in Boeing's Shared Services Group (SSG) have been left out. This legislation is critical to promoting the competitiveness of our hard-working American workforce because it provides the necessary funding for retraining that displaced workers need. In addition, the legislation's allowance for greater access to health care and unemployment insurance benefits is extremely valuable as workers make their transition into another field of work.

SPEEA and its international union, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), will do what we can to encourage your colleagues to sign on to this legislation in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that American workers have access to the retraining and health care benefits they need in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Kristin Farr
Legislative Director

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