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Chairman Tarwater and Members of the Committee,

The Bombardier Wichita site is a multifaceted facility and is the location of final assembly activities for the Learjet 70 and Learjet 75 aircraft, a growing maintenance and Service Center, the Bombardier Flight Test Center, and the center of operations for our Specialized Aircraft group. During 2019, the interior completion work on the Global 5000/Global 5500 aircraft will be transferred to our footprint in Wichita. Bombardier remains committed to the continued success of its Learjet product family and the Wichita site and employs approximately 1,500 people.

The Wichita site is currently hiring A&P Mechanics, Maintenance Technicians, Interior Technicians, Avionics/Electrical Technicians and Sheet Metal Assemblers. Our company looks to continue our growth and investment in Kansas, but we can only do that with a skilled workforce. The legislature's support of HB 2118 gives us another tool in our efforts to recruit, develop, and retain men and women in our company who desire these specialized jobs but need additional skills training.

We appreciate this body's consideration of the bill and your recognition of the workforce challenges faced by the aerospace industry. We're encouraged by the amount of work we're projected to complete in Kansas in the coming years, but we can only fulfill these commitments with skilled employees.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2118.

Regards,



Tonya Sudduth
VP of Operations and Wichita Site
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