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Dear Executive Vice President Ojakli,

I hope this message finds you well. I write to discuss an exciting opportunity for Boeing to enhance its philanthropic impact by partnering with Montana and our university system.

In the last month, we've seen antisemitic and pro-Hamas student-led protests sweep the nation, including the campus of Portland State University. While every student has a right to free speech, these protests have, in some cases, turned violent, interrupted the academic experience, and endangered the lives of Jewish students.

In Portland State University's case, these student protesters demanded the university pause its relationship with Boeing over their concerns to its weapons manufacturing division and the support your company is providing Israel.

For years, Boeing has provided Portland State University with financial support. However, recent events at Portland State have highlighted a disconnect between its leadership, its student body, and Boeing. Earlier this year, the university announced Boeing was donating more than \$150,000 to the school for a classroom while also providing nearly \$30,000 a year for scholarships. Shockingly, despite the positive impact these investments will undoubtedly have on the university and its students, the university leadership caved to the student mobs and paused its relationship with Boeing.

In contrast, Montana and our university system are well-aligned with Boeing. As you know, Boeing boasts a strong presence in Montana, including in our state capital of Helena. I believe redirecting your financial support from Portland State University to the Montana University System would further enhance the relationship between your company and our great state.

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Boeing is welcome in Montana and we invite your further expansion here. Together, we can ensure Montana is on the cutting edge of innovation and strengthen our workforce by cultivating in-demand skills.

I look forward to your response. Can we arrange a phone call or face to face meeting to discuss an expanded partnership with Montana and our university system? I wish you and Boeing great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Greg Gianforte  
Governor

CC: Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education  
Mr. Kevin Poulin, Boeing Helena