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A bipartisan group from Missouri's congressional delegation speaks out on behalf of Boeing Super Hornet fighter jets.

Missouri's U.S. senators -- Republican Kit Bond and Democrat Claire McCaskill -- and two House members from the St. Louis area -- Republican Todd Akin and Democrat Russ Carnahan -- appeared at a news conference in Washington on Tuesday to urge the Pentagon toward a multiyear procurement of Super Hornets, which are made in suburban St. Louis.

Carnahan said the multiyear agreement will save taxpayer money in the long run, guarantee thousands of Boeing jobs, and provide the military with a state-of-the-art fighter jet for years to come.

Bond says a multiyear procurement would prevent an existing striker shortfall from becoming worse.

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