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WTO Announcement Comes on Same Day as

Carnahan 'Make It In America' Manufacturing Forum

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – In response to reports that the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) appellate body has ruled European launch and non-launch aid subsidies to airbus illegal, Russ Carnahan (MO-3) released the following statement:

"This decision is a win for St. Louis businesses and workers. It's been a long time coming, but with this ruling, American companies finally get the fair rules of competition they deserve.

“I’ve said before that on a fair playing field, American workers and companies can compete and win against anyone in the world. The WTO has ruled that Europe must comply within 6 months -- I hope they accept this decision and end all illegal practices so we can finally see what fair competition looks like.”

The WTO confirmed that Airbus received $18 billion in illegal subsidies, including $15 billion in launch aid – that’s $4 billion for the A380 alone. This Appellate ruling concludes the WTO’s review, and holds that compliance must occur within six months.

The WTO announcement comes on the same day as Carnahan’s ‘Make It In America’ Forum with Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (MD-5), a discussion with St. Louis businesses and workers about how we can revitalize American manufacturing. **The event begins at 2:00 p.m. Central Time at Forest Park Community College, and is open to the press. For directions, please call Sam Drzymala at 202-226-4661.**

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