



July 7, 2008

Dear ABX Air Employee:

The State of Ohio, the city of Wilmington, and surrounding communities have been committed partners with DHL. That is why the May 28th restructuring announcement from Deutsche Post World Net and DHL sent shockwaves throughout Ohio and the country. I want to express my solidarity with you and your families and my commitment to seeing that every possible alternative is pursued to prevent this restructuring from taking effect.

I have been particularly disturbed by DHL's unwillingness to fully review alternate proposals, including proposals from ABX Air. I have been in communication with DHL and asked the company to consider proposals that would be competitive with the UPS proposal, and still keep jobs in Ohio.

I have spoken with White House Chief-of-Staff Josh Bolten about the DHL announcement and the effect it could have on Southern Ohio. I have asked for the White House to appoint a senior administration official to serve as a point person – both to marshal resources and to expedite a request from the Ohio congressional delegation for a thorough antitrust review by the Department of Justice.

Since the May announcement I have dedicated my own staff member, Brooke Hill, to the DHL situation. Brooke is in constant contact with the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's offices, Mayor David Raizk, community leaders, and Wilmington workers. In addition, several of my Ohio and Washington staff members are monitoring day-to-day developments.

Last week, I held a roundtable in Wilmington to listen to the views of business leaders and families affected by DHL's proposed deal with UPS. Wilmington has been a good home for DHL. Area leaders have worked tirelessly to ensure the company has the full support of the community. Ohio families have helped build the business.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Brooke, or anyone on my staff. You can also visit my web page, www.brown.senate.gov, to read stories and news about the DHL announcement, and post your own thoughts. And you can be sure I will do everything I can to help the people and communities across Ohio who are struggling with the fallout from DHL's decision. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherrod Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sherrod Brown