



TED STRICKLAND
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

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Dear ABX Air Employee:

I am deeply concerned by DHL's recent restructuring announcement and proposed contract with United Parcel Serve (UPS). We know that DHL has enjoyed a strong partnership with Wilmington, the Greater Clinton County area and the State of Ohio. Like you, I found the May 28th announcement both shocking and disappointing.

I know the level of concern you, your colleagues and your families are experiencing following this announcement and that you are wondering how heavy a toll this news will ultimately have on the region. My entire administration stands with you and is committed to marshalling all available resources as we move forward. We are acting with concern and urgency because we know that this news could have a very real, direct impact on the livelihoods and quality of life of thousands of Ohioans.

Throughout the last four weeks, Lt. Governor Lee Fisher and I have been in constant communication with DHL to ensure that the state is doing everything possible to address the immediate challenge of trying to save as many jobs as possible, both short- and long-term. Less than a week after the announcement, we formed a special task force comprised of 32 members, including community leaders and bi-partisan officials from federal, state, county and municipal government. The group convened its first meeting on June 10 and at that meeting discussed potential initiatives and activities in support of your community.

DHL's recent announcement also raises possible anti-trust issues, which we currently are examining. Ohio's entire Congressional Delegation, including our two U.S. senators, has asked United States Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey to examine DHL's proposed transaction. Additionally, we have asked Ohio Attorney General Nancy Rogers to investigate all aspects of the proposed partnership between DHL and UPS. We have made it clear that there is no higher legal priority for my administration than the examination of this matter in a swift and comprehensive manner.

I know this is a difficult and uncertain time for you and your families. I am personally committed to doing everything in my power to help you through the challenging weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

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