

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Boeing Northline Ceremony

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Sen. Cantwell Remarks

Sen. Cantwell: Well, thanks, Jeff, and good afternoon to everyone. I want to specifically thank and congratulate Stephanie Pope and Michael, who was up here, Michael Fleming earlier, and definitely want to give a shout out to Jason Chan, president of IAM 751.

I want to thank Don Ruhmann, who gave us a tour of the Boeing Aerospace Safety Center, which many of you employees I know go through and take very seriously, and I thank you for helping to build a very strong safety culture here in Everett, Washington.

I also want to say a shout out to Representative Mary Fosse, Representative Cortez, and Council Member Dunn, who are also play a big role in this, and Marko Liias, my state senator, who is down with me in Edmonds, Washington.

So, as a Snohomish County resident, I can just tell you, today is a really big day in Snohomish County. The Boeing culture is alive and well, and our region is so appreciative of the workforce that delivers a big punch to our economy.

But today, something has happened that we never thought would happen, and that is the workhorse of the Boeing fleet -- the product that there is a demand for something like forty thousand planes worldwide -- all of a sudden, for the first time in the history of this company, the 737 line is coming to Everett, Washington.

So, I don't know if you guys ran around the lake. I don't know if you ran up 99. I don't know what you did, but thanks for getting this workforce here and making this torch and expansion.

As somebody who has seen the challenges that we faced in aerospace -- and yes, there have been challenges -- we also know that we have met those challenges. And this is another one of those challenges, of meeting demand and expanding the footprint, and saying we in Puget Sound can get the workforce, train and skill them, and yes, management is going to listen to the workforce when they have something to say, and we are going to build great products here in Everett, Washington.

So congratulations to everyone today. We look forward to the outcome of our state being more, basically, economically secure because of what the workforce here does for our region -- what we do for our nation to compete in aviation.

Thank you, and congratulations to everyone.