

...Boeing South Carolina stays nonunion

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The IAM also bought \$20,000 of TV ads on two stations, featuring statements of support from Boeing workers in the Puget Sound.

The day before the election, 12 Democratic U.S. senators issued a statement of support for the union drive, led by Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

“Union representation is the bedrock of our middle class and has empowered generations of American workers to organize for better wages and fairer treatment in the workplace,” the statement said.

Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth



In an employee break room at its North Charleston plant, Boeing set up a table stacked with diapers and children's clothes. Above it, a "Vote No" banner said: "The goods on display would cost your family \$800.... You have better things to do with your money than pay union dues." Yes, Boeing's union workers pay \$800 a year in dues ... but they also get over \$16,000 a year more in wages — the equivalent of 20 tables full of diapers and kids' clothes.

Warren signed, as did Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, though not Washington Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray.

But South Carolina's U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham spoke against the union campaign, telling local media, "If we destroy the business model that led Boeing to South Carolina, this plant will not be able to grow."

In the end, Boeing workers, or "teammates" as the company calls them, listened to Graham.

Two days after the vote, President Donald Trump visited the plant for the rollout of the first Dreamliner 787-10, assembled exclusively in North Charleston.

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"Together, labor can stand in solidarity with working families as they face an unprecedented housing crisis and uncertain future," she said.

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