

# MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Dear Alabama County Commissioner:

This is an exciting moment for all of Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast. As you know, the U.S. Air Force recently selected Northrop Grumman and EADS to build its new refueling tanker. The "KC-45" jets will be assembled at Brookley Field in Mobile.

The economic benefit to the entire region will be huge. Major suppliers will be locating across the area to service the project. Thousands of new jobs are coming to the entire region.

Unfortunately, Boeing, whose proposed tanker was not selected by the Air Force, has protested the decision. Boeing is mounting a very simplistic, misleading, but highly effective public relations campaign. Several members of Congress are vowing to stop the contract.

So, now we must fight to keep our tanker! Recently, the Mobile County Commission passed a resolution in support of the U.S. Air Force, Northrop Grumman, and the workers of Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast. I've attached that resolution and encourage you to pass a similar proclamation. Please send your resolution to your congressional delegation and please send a copy to my office in Mobile.

Also, please encourage the people in your community to go to [www.keepourtanker.com](http://www.keepourtanker.com). This website, set up by Mobile County, contains the latest information about the project and job opportunities. It also allows visitors to sign an online petition in favor of the KC-45.

A lot is at stake for all of us. Let's make sure that our unified voice is heard loud and clear! Thank you for your help.

Sincerely:

Stephen Nodine  
Mobile County Commission President