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**Missouri Legislature Should Protect Circuit Breaker and Revenue
When Crafting Incentive Package**

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As the Missouri legislature convenes to craft an incentive package for Boeing, it is critical to Missourians' economic well-being and quality of life that legislators protect revenue for state services and avoid funding incentives on the backs of vulnerable Missourians.

Some lawmakers have suggested funding incentives to Boeing through decreases in existing tax credits. While many existing credits can and should be improved, tax credits for large corporations should not be funded by using the circuit breaker tax credit as an offset. Economic development should not come at the expense of low-income seniors and those living with disabilities that own or rent their homes.

Moreover, while creating jobs is a laudable goal, efforts to fund an incentive package for Boeing should not be tied to tax cuts like those that were considered in the 2013 regular legislative session. Tax reductions would only backfire down the road. The subsequent cuts to education, infrastructure, workforce training, and other state services would impair our state's ability to create, and Missourians' ability to retain, quality jobs in the future.

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