WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (R-Mo.), Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee released the following statement regarding the passage by the Missouri House of Representatives in support of the F-35.

"The members of the Assembly should bear in mind that Boeing, which employs more than 16,000 people in Missouri and whose annual economic impact on this state is measured in the billions of dollars, manufactures the Super Hornet; an aircraft that has a distinguished history of being delivered on time and on budget.

"It has operated extensively in every major military engagement of the last twenty-five years and is critical to our national security. Without the Super Hornet, the Navy's carriers would be suffering a tremendous shortfall in its fighter inventory. The Super Hornet remains a critical asset for our defense."

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