

Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman, Governor M. Jodi Rell, and Connecticut's congressional delegation joined together today to express disappointment at the news that Pratt & Whitney will be closing plants in Cheshire and East Hartford, a move that will lead to the loss of 1,000 jobs. "I am bitterly disappointed by the decision made today by UTC and I am devastated for the workers and their families. This was a bottom-line business decision that I believe put profits over people – coldly and regrettably. We made a generous and creative offer to keep these jobs in Connecticut and we will be willing to reconsider our offer if the company is willing to reconsider its decision. UTC is an important economic partner in our state's economy and we certainly want its strong presence and skilled jobs continued here at UTC headquarters, Sikorsky, Carrier, Otis, Hamilton Sundstrand and Pratt," said Governor M. Jodi Rell.

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