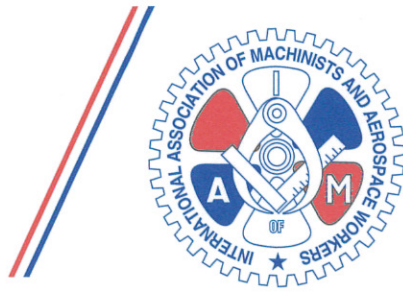


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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Dear Senator / Representative,

I am writing on behalf of more than 600,000 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), to request your assistance in saving more than 300 jobs at Schneider Electric in Peru, Indiana. Earlier this month, the company surprised the workers by announcing they plan to shut down the facility and move production to the East coast, Texas and Mexico.

Our members and the Peru community are devastated. The people of Peru have been proud to manufacture electrical panelboards for commercial buildings at this plant since it first opened some 100 years ago. Originally, the company operated as Square D, but in 1991, it was acquired by Schneider Electric. This company is one of the largest employers for Miami County and makes up nearly 6% of the workforce in the central Indiana town of Peru.

Schneider Electric, a French multinational company seems to have no regard for the talent or skill of American workers in Peru. Machinists' members make an average of \$24.55 an hour at this plant. Workers in Mexico, where they plan on transferring much of the work, earn \$3.49 an hour on average for doing the same work. In a town with an unemployment rate of 14%, more than twice the average for Indiana and nation, shutting down this plant will further distress Peru's economy.

We are asking for your help in reaching out to Schneider Electric and urge them to reconsider their decision to close its facility in Peru, Indiana. America's working men and women deserve better than being thrown out on the street. Our nation deserves better.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give IAM Legislative Director Hasan Solomon a call at (301) 967-4575 or email hsolomon@iamaw.org.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Martinez, Jr.
International President