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### ***Congressman Meehan visits ESCO, commits his support***



*Congressman Patrick Meehan from the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania speaks to employees at ESCO in Aston PA (Photo by Gary Ell)*

August 11-- Aston PA— Congressman Patrick Meehan (R), from the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania visited the Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation (ESCO) facility on August 10, 2011. ESCO leads the world in the production of aircraft arresting systems, controlling and harnessing energy for safe emergency aircraft landings. ESCO exports its products worldwide with systems in 80 countries. The Congressman met with company officials, toured the plant and gave an arousing speech about preserving the jobs of his constituents in the Delaware Valley. As Congressman Meehan walked to the podium to the sound of clapping, he paused, grinned and referred to the past four weeks of Congress; *“We are not getting too much clapping these days. It was a frustrating process. I am frustrated and frankly I am angry. I am angry because I think we need to be doing a better job down there at Congress in getting these problems resolved, to allow there to be a predictable economic environment that allows companies like yours to compete.* Congressman Meehan then discussed the needs for companies to be both innovative and competitive. He stated *One of the real things that you want to be doing in an industry is to be lean and mean enough that you can think about where to be going next, how to make your products better, to be looking at the next frontier, like the opportunity of unmanned systems.*

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Meehan stated that he would use the skills from years of being a prosecutor to present to the decision makers a case for why we believe that it is important to keep jobs in the USA. *“ Not only for here, but we are exporting into foreign markets. This is exactly what we should be doing with American products and American labor. So that’s what we will fight for- and we will go down there and give you my best and hold them accountable to try to make sure that we keep these jobs, not just here but we create the opportunity so we can grow the jobs out of this particular location.”*

In dealing with the current economic circumstances, Meehan stated: *“The truth of the matter, we are spending 40 % more every year more than we are bringing in, in income. It is just not sustainable into the future because the bottom line is; not only are we spending 40% more each year in our budget but business couldn’t survive if they were doing that, but were are borrowing a big chunk of that money.*

Following the speech, the Congressman fielded questions from the audience then toured the facilities of the Aston plant.

Patrick Meehan represents Pennsylvania’s 7th Congressional District in the United States Congress. Elected in 2010, Congressman Meehan is a member of the Homeland Security Committee, on which he chairs the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies. Congressman Meehan sits on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He is a member of the Subcommittee on Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Meehan serves on the Subcommittee on Aviation; the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

### **About Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation**

Engineered Arresting System Corporation (ESCO) is the world leader in the design and manufacturing of military aircraft arresting systems. Since 1937, ESCO has developed products for the controlled deceleration of every type of military fighter aircraft flown worldwide.