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Smith MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, commenting on the announcement that the US Department of Commerce will introduce additional sanctions on Bombardier, said:

"While

Theresa May worries about press coverage of the phony P45 she was handed this week, more than 4,000 Bombardier workers in Belfast are worried that they'll receive a real one unless her Government brings Boeing and its allies at the US Commerce Department to the negotiating table.

"Given

that the UK Government is Boeing's second biggest client – we spend over £1.5 billion with them every year – it is inconceivable that ministers have not been able to negotiate a better deal.

"The

Government must tell the public what pressure it has really placed on Boeing and on the US Administration. Without any evidence of concrete action, concerns will grow that UK ministers have naively accepted Boeing's assurances about the safety of jobs in Belfast or worse, have negligently accepted Bombardier job losses as 'collateral damage' in their post-Brexit strategy."