

Boeing CEO Testifies Before US Lawmakers on Safety Concerns

Description

Boeing's CEO, Dave Calhoun, is set to testify before US lawmakers, addressing the pressing safety concerns that have **permeated** the company's culture. This testimony follows a mid-air emergency in January, which Calhoun acknowledged as a grave issue, **emphasizing** the company's dedication to **rectifying** these concerns.

Boeing has been under intense scrutiny after a door detached from a new 737 Max plane earlier this year, coupled with **whistleblowers** exposing production issues. This is not an isolated incident, as Boeing has a history of safety and quality control lapses, some resulting in **fatalities**.

Calhoun has expressed profound regret for past **fatalities** and has vowed to **prioritize** safety. He assured that as long as he is at the helm, there would be no layoffs, reflecting the ethos of former Nintendo president Satoru Iwata, who believed job security was essential for **fostering creativity**. Family members of crash victims, including Zipporah Kuria, will be present at the hearing, seeking justice and accountability.

Senator Richard Blumenthal, chair of the panel, has urged Boeing to rectify its compromised safety culture and put passenger safety above profits. In his prepared remarks, Calhoun expressed **gratitude** that the recent incident did not result in fatalities and outlined steps Boeing has taken to cooperate with investigations and enhance aircraft quality.

The hearing represents a crucial opportunity for stakeholders to hold Boeing accountable and demand **substantial** actions to ensure passenger safety and prevent future tragedies. It is a pivotal moment for Boeing to demonstrate its commitment to safety and rebuild public trust.

Vocabulary List

- 1. **Permeated** /?p?rmi?e?t?d/ (verb): Spread throughout; saturated.
- 2. **Testimony** /?t?st??mo?ni/ (noun): A formal written or spoken statement given in a court of law.
- 3. **Emphasizing** /??mf??sa?z??/ (verb): Giving special importance or prominence to something.
- 4. **Rectifying** /?r?kt??fa???/ (verb): Correcting; putting right.
- 5. **Whistleblowers** /?w?s?l?blo??rz/ (noun): Individuals who expose illicit activities within an organization.
- 6. Fatalities /f??tæl?tiz/ (noun): Deaths resulting from a disaster, accident, or violence.
- 7. **Prioritize** /pra???r??ta?z/ (verb): To arrange or deal with in order of importance.
- 8. **Fostering creativity** /?f?st?r?? kri?e??t?v?ti/ (verb phrase): Encouraging the development of new ideas and innovations.
- 9. **Gratitude** /?græt??tud/ (noun): The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation.
- 10. **Substantial** /s?b?stæn??l/ (adjective): Of considerable importance, size, or worth.



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Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is set to testify before US lawmakers regarding safety concerns in Boeing? ESL-NEWS.

Option: Dave Calhoun

Option: Richard Blumenthal

Option: Zipporah Kuria

Option: Satoru Iwata

2. What issue did Calhoun acknowledge as grave in January?

Option: Mid-air emergency

Option: Layoffs

Option: Production issues Option: Doors detaching

3. What does the term

Option: Correcting Option: Encouraging Option: Making known Option: Arranging

4. Who are individuals who expose illicit activities within an organization?

Option: Fatalities

Option: Whistleblowers Option: Stakeholders



Option: Creativity fosters

5. What did Calhoun vow to prioritize?

Option: Safety Option: Layoffs **Option: Profits**

Option: Investigations

6. Which former Nintendo president believed job security was essential for fostering creativity?

Option: Dave Calhoun Option: Satoru Iwata

Option: Richard Blumenthal Option: Zipporah Kuria

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Dave Calhoun 2. Mid-air emergency 3. Making known 4. Whistleblowers 5. Safety 6.

Satoru Iwata

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Who are individuals that expose secretive information within an organization?

Option: Employees Option: Investors

Option: Government officials

Option: Competitors

2. What term refers to the maximum amount that a company can produce given its resources?

Option: Sales volume Option: Market share Option: Profit margin

Option: Production capacity

3. What is a sudden increase in the number of cases of a disease above what is normally expected in a

population?

Option: Outbreak Option: Endemic



Option: Pandemic Option: Epidemic

4. What are official rules and laws that control how things are done or what is acceptable in a particular country or activity?

Option: Standards **Option: Principles** Option: Regulations Option: Guidelines

5. What term describes a prolonged public dispute or debate often involving differing views?

Option: Agreement Option: Consensus Option: Resolution Option: Controversy

6. What is the formal approval or permission to do something?

Option: Restriction Option: Denial Option: License

Option: Authorization

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Option: Imposition Option: Consequence Option: Alternative Option: Compromise

8. Who is a person officially charged with a crime in a court of law?

Option: Defendant Option: Witness Option: Judge Option: Accused

9. What is the quality of being thankful and showing appreciation?

Option: Complacency Option: Indifference Option: Entitlement Option: Gratitude

10. What is the act of officially giving someone the power to do something?

Option: Empowerment Option: Deprivation



Option: Disempowerment Option: Authorization

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



- 28. Spread throughout or infused into every part of a system or organization.
- 29. A company that is controlled by another larger company known as the parent company.
- 30. Close and critical examination or observation of something.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Employees 2. Production capacity 3. Epidemic 4. Regulations 5. Controversy 6.

Authorization 7. Alternative 8. Accused 9. Gratitude 10. Authorization

Gap-Fill: 11. substantial 12. prioritize 13. utilization 14. fatalities 15. alternative 16. preliminary 17. avant-

garde 18. progeny 19. inflation 20. accusing

Matching sentence: 1. Contractual 2. Fostering creativity 3. Sudden infant death syndrome 4. Rectifying 5. Sparking speculation 6. Economic outlook 7. Emphasizing 8. Permeated 9. Subsidiary 10. Scrutiny

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