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DEAR LUKE AFB SUPPORTERS:

Luke Air Force Base is a premier fighter pilot training Base and is the only active duty F-16 training base in the world. For decades, fighter pilots from all over our Nation and the world have trained at the Base. Luke Air Force Base has trained over 50,000 combat pilots since the Base was established.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has had an outstanding professional relationship with Luke Air Force Base and its personnel for many years. We have worked many joint operations together and our first SWAT Team (Special Weapons and Tactics) trained at the Base with Air Police personnel in 1976. We have combined resources in matters of search and rescue and public safety, as well as other functions throughout the years.

Luke AFB has provided a positive economic impact to our communities for over sixty-eight years and is one of Arizona's largest employers. The Base provides a venue for many different products provided by businesses throughout Maricopa County and the State.

Luke AFB now has an opportunity to become the training site for the F-35 Lightning II Mission. This project would provide a significant economic boost for Arizona and we strongly support Luke AFB in its quest to be selected for this mission.

Luke AFB is an outstanding fighter base and has provided support for our national defense and the freedom we have enjoyed for almost seven decades. The Base has been recognized for excellence throughout the world and is a proud example of our Nation's military.

I highly recommend Luke Air Force Base to be selected for the F-35 Lightning Project and appreciate any consideration they may receive for this very important mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Arpaio", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Joseph M. Arpaio
Maricopa County Sheriff

