



September 9, 2009

Honorable Mayor Elaine Scruggs
City of Glendale
5850 West Glendale Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85304

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry fully supports the selection of Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35 Lightning II. Luke has been in Arizona since the 1940's and has been a valuable community partner and strategic national asset which we are proud to consider one of our own.

Arizona has an environment that well serves Luke Air Force Base, its personnel and the F-35 program. Luke Air Force Base is located in the City of Glendale and within the Phoenix Metropolitan area. Amenities such as hospitals and affordable housing are near the vicinity of the base which enhances the quality of life for active duty personnel and many of the reserves that live and serve within our community.

Luke Air Force Base contributes nearly \$2.1 billion annually to Arizona's economy and has been a consistent and stable economic engine for the West Valley and the state of Arizona. The F-35 follow on mission would help ensure that Arizona retains Luke Air Force Base as an asset to our community and to the nation. We encourage the Department of Defense to select Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35.

Please contact me at 602-248-9172 ext. 115 if there are any further actions the Arizona Chamber can take to advance Luke Air Force Base's candidacy.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hamer
President/CEO

