

September 9, 2009

The Honorable Elaine Scruggs Mayor City of Glendale 5850 West Glendale Avenue Glendale, Arizona 85301

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

On behalf of Arizona State University, I am writing to show our support for Luke Air Force Base and the men and women who serve there. As you well know, Luke Air Force Base is a significant community partner not only for the West Valley but for all of Arizona.

As the nation's premiere training base for the F-16, Luke has become interwoven in the fabric of our community. The base annually produces \$2.17 billion dollars a year for Arizona's local economy and is the cornerstone of Arizona's military community. That is why I believe it is imperative that Arizona continues to be the leader in training our next generation of fighter pilots and maintainers.

I commend Luke Forward's efforts to make Arizona the home training base of the F-35. ASU is as proud to support this mission as we are to serve the men and women who have chosen to become a part of the Sun Devil family.

I am pleased to also share the news that recently ASU was selected by G.I. Jobs magazine as a "Military Friendly School." The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students. ASU has the proud distinction as the only public university in Arizona to make this prestigious list.

Again, ASU is honored to support the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the Luke Forward Mission. Thank you for your time and attention and please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Crow

President

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