



August 18, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

On behalf of the City of Avondale, please accept this letter as support from the City for Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) and its mission. Avondale is home to many individuals who are employed by Luke both active duty and civilians so the strength of Luke in the future is the strength of Avondale. Military personnel, retirees, and their families are crucial to the sustainability of Arizona.

The economic impact of Luke to the state of Arizona means that every city in the Valley and state benefits from a strong and active presence now and in the future. Bed down of the F-35 allows for the great training tradition of Luke to carry on after the retirement of the F-16.

As I understand, an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is scheduled to begin in the near future. Please know that Avondale will do what it can during the EIS process and throughout the JSF selection process to support Luke and its mission.

Sincerely,

Marie Lopez Rogers
Mayor

cc: City Council

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