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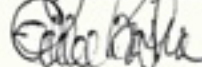
Dear Mayor Scruggs and Luke AFB Supporters:

On behalf of Bashas' Family of Stores, please allow me to add my support to that of the many others who would like to see Luke Air Force Base selected as a training site for the upcoming F-35 Lightning II fighter jet.

Luke Air Force Base is near and dear to metro Phoenix residents—a real point of pride for all of us. Luke and Bashas' share the distinction of being two of Arizona's largest employers (five of our 140-some locations are in Glendale), but while Bashas' claim to fame is as Arizona's hometown grocer, Luke's claim rests on its vital importance to our national defense and our country's military preparedness.

Arizona's clear skies and wide-open spaces have attracted military pilots for decades. Despite our state's growth over the years, these idyllic flying conditions persist. I urge the Department of Defense in the strongest possible terms to select Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35 Lightning II.

Respectfully submitted,



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