



August 25, 2008

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

**RE: *Support of Luke Air Force Base***

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

DMB Associates is proud to support Luke Air Force Base, and specifically the selection of Luke as the training base for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. We understand that an Environment Impact Statement is being prepared to evaluate bring the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training mission to Luke. We look forward to this process and very much believe that it is important and essential to bring this mission to Luke.

As the developer of two (2) communities in the West Valley, including Verrado in the Town of Buckeye and Marley Park in the City of Surprise, we are keenly aware of the significant contributions that Luke has made not only on the communities in the West Valley, but also to the region and the State. Luke has long been a significant contributor to the economic well being of Arizona. It is estimated that Luke's annual economic impact is 2.17 billion dollars. The existence of Luke has also had an important impact in attracting other defense and aerospace related industries to the region and to Arizona, which also compounds Luke's economic contribution to our State's economy.

As we have developed Verrado and Marley Park, we have always partnered with Luke and planned these communities knowing that Luke was and would continue to be an active air training base. Additionally, we have taken significant measures to make sure our buyers and residents are aware of the existence of Luke and have a rigorous notification/disclosure process as part of the sales effort. This process has been very successful in making sure residents are aware of the existence of Luke and really has resulted in the community embracing Luke as a neighbor.

DMB also has a long history of supporting Luke through our involvement with Fighter Country Partnership and our involvement in the Honorary Commanders program. We have also participated in and supported legislative efforts to ensure compatible land uses around Luke.

Again, we urge the Federal Government to select Luke as the training base for the F-35.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karrin K. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karrin" being the most prominent.

Karrin K. Taylor, Esq.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Entitlements Officer