



July 31, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Scruggs :

On behalf of the 800 member businesses of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce and our board of directors, I am writing to express our support for the selection of Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35 Lightning II.

As one of Arizona's largest employers, with an annual economic impact estimated to be more than \$2.1 billion, Luke Air Force Base is a major force in the state's economy. The selection of Luke as a site for the F-35 would ensure its future in that role.

The members of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce have a keen interest in the continued development of Luke as one of the nation's premier fighter pilot training installations. We urge the Department of Defense to consider the tremendous business and community support that exists for the Base in their selection process.

Please contact me at 623-937-4754 if there is anything more that our organization can do to further Luke Air Force Base's candidacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Rinehart", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Don Rinehart  
President/CEO