



October 30, 2009

The Honorable Mayor L.E. "Lyn" Truitt
City of Surprise
16000 North Civic Center Drive
Surprise, AZ 85374

Dear Mayor Truitt:

It is with great pleasure that I express my 100% support of the Luke Air Force Base (AFB) and enthusiastically support the selection of Luke as the new home for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft. Luke has played an important role in our community, especially for our charter school, Imagine Rosefield. Our school community has many Luke families who choose to enroll their children at Imagine Rosefield. Without the presence of Luke AFB and the military families stationed at Luke, our school and other local businesses would be severely impacted.

Luke AFB contributes nearly \$2.1 billion annually to Arizona's economy and has been a consistent and stable economic engine for the West Valley as well as the entire State of Arizona. With more than 83,000 individuals in the State of Arizona employed by the military and Luke contributing more than 7,000 jobs to our local economy, it is imperative that all local business owners and residents support the mission at Luke AFB.

As the United States Air Force transitions from the F-16 to the new F-35 joint strike fighter aircraft, we believe that the entire West Valley and the State of Arizona will benefit from the government naming Luke AFB as the new training facility for the F-35 fighter. The generation of new jobs and the creation of new businesses will be a positive economical impact to our local economy.

Therefore, we encourage the Department of Defense to select Luke AFB as the new training site for the F-35 fighter program. The business community surrounding Luke AFB supports the work being done at Luke and eagerly looks forward to the positive relationship between the military and local businesses in the coming years. We at Imagine Rosefield are completely in support of this opportunity, which allows Luke AFB to continue its proud tradition of serving and protecting America.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hanna, Principal
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