



Greater Phoenix  
Chamber of  
Commerce

August 12, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically supports the selection of Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the F-35 Lightning II.

Military installations like Luke Air Force Base are not only critical to our nation's defense; as one of Arizona's largest employers, Luke also plays a major role in strengthening our economy. As a training site for the F-35, Luke could continue a tradition that stretches back to 1941. We urge the Department of Defense to strongly consider that history, as well as the economic impact and support the base enjoys, in making its decision.

On behalf of our 3,400 business members, our Board of Directors and staff, I offer any help the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce can lend to help ensure that Luke Air Force Base remains a premier fighter pilot training base and a valued part of the economy of our Valley and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Todd Sanders".

Todd Sanders  
President and CEO  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce