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Luke AFB Supporters
Office of Mayor Elaine Scruggs
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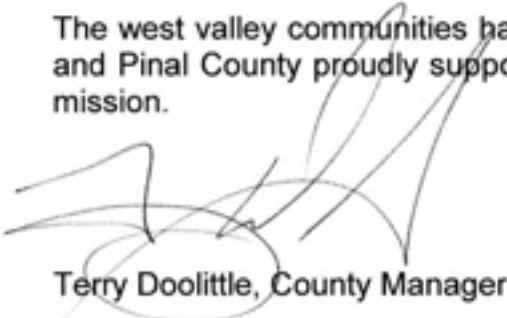
Dear Mayor Scruggs:

On behalf of Pinal County I am writing this letter to show our support for Luke Air Force Base to continue as one of the nation's premier fighter pilot training installations.

The Department of Defense will soon begin studying Luke Air Force Base as the possible training site for the F-35 Lightning II, which will replace the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Whereas, the F-35 training mission is a competitive process among bases nationwide and Luke is one of two sites under consideration. If selected as the home to the F-35, Luke is expected to receive over \$150 million in new construction projects, which is equivalent to all the military construction funding received from 2005 to 2007.

Luke Air Force Base, since 1941, has been a major component of Arizona's network of military installations and a major contributor to our state's economy. Luke Air Force Base is also listed as one of Arizona's twenty largest employers with over 7,000 jobs.

The west valley communities have come together with Fighter Country Partnership in support of this and Pinal County proudly supports Luke Air Force Base as being selected as the home of the F-35 mission.



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