



W.J. "JIM" LANE
Mayor

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Office of Mayor Elaine Scruggs
City of Glendale
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Dear Luke AFB Supporters,

Luke Air Force Base serves as a key economic engine in the Phoenix area. The base provides significant employment for military and non-military personnel. Not only does the base provide civilian contracting opportunities, but the servicemen and women stationed at Luke and their families also contribute to our economy by living and shopping in our local communities. Each year, Luke Air Force Base provides billions of dollars of economic activity to our region. The selection of Luke Air Force Base as a training site for the new F-35 will solidify the base's role in bolstering our regional economy for years to come.

In addition, the base is the training ground for the world's largest fighter base and is an ideal site for the F-35 Lightning II mission. The base's history of training capable pilots, current infrastructure and support services, and proximity to the Barry M. Goldwater Range make Luke Air Force Base a superior location for the F-35 mission.

I appreciate the significance of this effort and what it means to the defense of our nation, and I believe Luke Air Force Base should be strongly considered by the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W.J. Lane", written over a horizontal line.

W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor

