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Luke AFB Supporters
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Dear Luke AFB Supporters:

The vital role the United States military plays to protect our citizens and public works infrastructure has never been more critical -- not only here but around the world. In fact, when World War I began our military was sent to Arizona to protect Theodore Roosevelt Dam, one of our state's most precious assets.

For more than 100 years, Salt River Project has acted on behalf of the federal government to manage Roosevelt Dam -- and the other five dams on the Salt and Verde rivers -- as well as the extensive canal system that supplies a large portion of the greater Phoenix metropolitan area with water.

We believe our management of federal interests here in Arizona is as vital to the economic health and stability of the state as the management and continuing mission of Luke Air Force Base, its various bases, personnel and their supporting activities. As the Phoenix area's largest provider of power and water, we strongly support Luke AFB, Arizona's largest employer, with more than 83,000 active duty, reserve and civilians statewide.

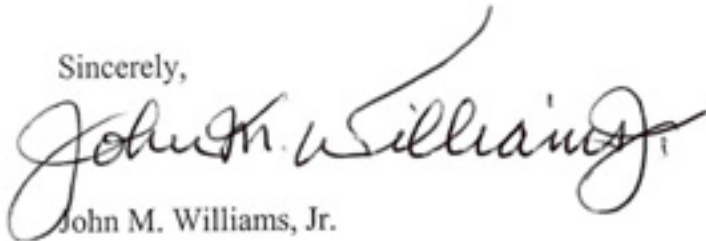
Much like Luke AFB, Salt River Project must always be ready to serve the public at the highest level even during the worst economic times. It is in this spirit that we fully support Luke AFB and the importance of its continuing and expanding mission here in the state. Arizona has been a national leader in the protection of the encroachment on Luke AFB, and in order to continue this success story for the state and the West Valley, we must proactively continue to protect the mission at Luke AFB.

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Therefore, on behalf of SRP and our more than 4,000 employees, I respectfully request that you allow Luke AFB to continue its mission into the next generation by granting the F-35 Lightning II training mission to the base.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Williams, Jr." The signature is fluid and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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