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The Honorable Elaine Scruggs
City of Glendale
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Dear Luke Air Force Base Supporters:

The City of Tempe understands and supports the importance of Luke's mission to our nation's defense and supports the F-35 training being added to that mission.

As the United States Air Force's largest wing base, Luke Air Force Base plays a critical role in protecting our nation's defense and security. In addition to its vital role in protecting freedom, the base is undeniably one of the biggest keys to the economic viability of this region.

The military operations of Luke and the businesses those operations support provide substantial, stable, sustainable employment for this region, creating thousands of jobs, billions of dollars of economic activity and hundreds of millions of dollars of state and local tax revenue. The economic impact of Luke benefits all businesses, from home-based businesses to large corporations, and serves as an important building block in the recovery of this region's overall economy.

The selection of Luke Air Force Base as the training site for the new F-35 will continue the training missions vital to our Air Force pilot program and our nation's security, assert LAFB's continued status as the premier fighter training base in the world, and provide critical economic activity in this region for decades to come.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Hallman', written over a horizontal line.

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