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The Honorable Elaine Scruggs
Chairperson, Luke Forward
City of Glendale
5850 W. Glendale Ave.
Glendale, Arizona 85301

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

The Ellman Companies are proud to support you and your committee in the effort to present Luke Air Force Base as the ideal location to host the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training mission.

As a member of Fighter Country Partnership and currently serving as an Honorary Squadron Commander at Luke, I have become increasingly aware of the important mission that is performed by Brig Gen Kurt Neubauer and the rest of the 8,000 civilian and military personnel serving Luke's current training mission for the F-16. The base is responsible for approximately 2.17 billion in annual economic impact to the State of Arizona and serves more than 100,000 people when military family members and retirees are factored in. Luke is not only the primary training facility for the F-16 pilots and maintainers, it is a national treasure. In addition to flying and maintaining the F-16, Luke military personnel also deploy to support on-going operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other combat assignments throughout the world. In fiscal year 2008, Luke deployed 684 airmen. 90% of the F-16 fighter pilots engaged in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan were trained at Luke AFB.

The Ellman Companies is also a developer of major real estate assets within the vicinity of Luke Air Force Base, including Westgate in the City of Glendale, King Ranch in the City of Goodyear, and Asante in the City of Surprise. We are aware of the significant contributions Luke plays in the communities of the West Valley. The presence of Luke and the success of its mission are directly responsible for attracting other defense and technical related industry and economic stability in the region.

Our company has a long tradition of supporting Luke and its defense of our nation and look forward to supporting you, your committee, and Fighter Country Partnership in its efforts to present the fact that Luke offers the F-35 training mission the protected air space and training range space that is incomparable and not duplicated anywhere in the country.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support the Luke Forward mission.

Sincerely,

Don Kile
President
Master Planned Communities