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

Please accept this letter as support for the Luke AFB to continue as the premier fighter pilot training base.

As we are all aware, since 1941 Luke Air Force Base has been an integral part of the State of Arizona's economic engine. Luke is the only "active" F-16 training base with an economic impact of \$2.1 billion on an annual basis.

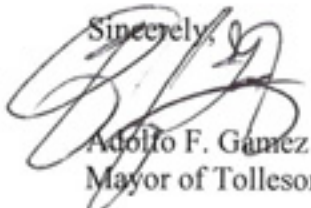
In concert with the west valley communities, we strongly support Fighter Country Partnership and the other community groups in the pursuit of Luke Air Force Base to be home to the F-35.

It is imperative that Luke AFB continues their training mission as the F-16's are retired and the F-35's arrive to carry out their outstanding record of success that has been a part of not only the Air Force's history but also the State of Arizona's history.

The State of Arizona thru legislation as well as Luke Air Force Base have worked tirelessly to ensure that the training mission of Luke continue to be successful, as well as, addressing all environmental and operational challenges.

In pursuit of our "flight for freedom," we strongly support the arrival of the F-35's at Luke AFB.

Sincerely,



Adolfo F. Gamez
Mayor of Tolleson