

Town of Buckeye

Office of the Mayor

August 18, 2009

Steve Yamamori
Executive Director
Fighter Country Partnership
500 North Estrella Parkway
Suite B2, PMB479
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Re: Support for F-35 *Lightning II* Training at Luke Air Force Base

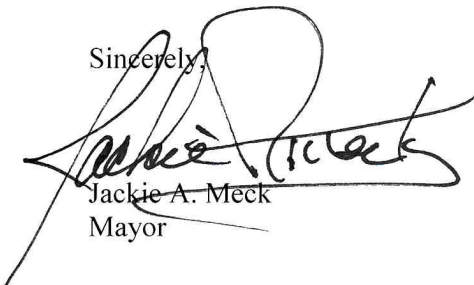
Dear Mr. Yamamori:

On behalf of the citizens of Buckeye I am writing to express my support for the selection of Luke Air Force Base as the secondary training site for the F-35 *Lightning II* fighter. The F-35 *Lightning II* is essential to our nation's security as we prepare to defend against the threats of the 21st Century.

As the geographically largest community in the West Valley, Buckeye has welcomed the sights and sounds of America's warfighters training in the skies above our community for decades and looks forward to welcoming the F-35 *Lightning II* to our community. Buckeye is home to many of the brave men and women who support Luke's current fighter pilot training mission and Buckeye is where their families live and their children are educated. We hope to be able to welcome a new generation of F-35 *Lightning II* warfighters and their families to our community as well.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Luke Air Force Base, our nation's warfighters who serve at the base, and their families who make their lives in our community.

Sincerely,



Jackie A. Meck
Mayor