

August 5, 2009

The Honorable Elaine Scruggs
Mayor
Office of the Mayor
City of Glendale
5850 West Glendale Avenue
Glendale, Arizona 85301-2499

Re: *Luke Air Force Base Supporters*

Dear Mayor Scruggs:

I understand Luke Air Force Base is one of two bases being studied by Department of Defense to serve as a second training site for the F-35 Lightning II set to replace the F-16 Fighting Falcon. This letter is written in support of Luke AFB.

At The University of Arizona, we value our relationship with the United States Air Force – in particular the bases here in Arizona where we have strong connections in providing educational opportunities to airmen and airwomen.

We also recognize the economic impact of Luke AFB and draw a parallel to the high value Tucson places on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

I urge continued support for Luke AFB and recommend the site be selected for this proposed training site.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Shelton
President

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