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Good Morning. I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the West Valley Partners, the Fighter Country Partnership, The City of Glendale, and all those who are banding together to support the future of Luke Air Base. I have spent my entire career in Congress working with you to protect the critical national asset that our State offers in the combination of the best fighter training base, great Arizona weather, and the Barry M. Goldwater Range. Along with our other fighter bases around Arizona, Luke Air Force Base is a critical asset for our national defense.

Starting this month, the Air Force will be conducting an assessment to determine the impact of basing F-35's at Luke. I am committed to ensure that the Air Force conducts a thorough and comprehensive study of the environmental impact of the F-35, including the careful consideration of legitimate concerns expressed by local communities. I am confident that the military will take prudent steps to mitigate any negative impact resulting from the stationing of the F-35, consistent with the spirit of cooperation with communities supporting our military.

I look forward to working with you all to ensure that the success story we have written for our nation's military assets in Arizona is understood back in Washington. I thank you all for your dedication.