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The Honorable Mayor Bob Walkup
Care of Tucson Lightning
162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee
PO Box 22343
Tucson, AZ 85734

Dear Mayor Walkup:

CAID Industries wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee in its mission of championing Tucson International Airport as one of this nation's premier fighter pilot training installations and as a pilot training site for the next generation of U.S. Air Force fighter, the F-35

The Arizona Air National Guard has long served this nation as a pilot training center and this community as a powerful economic force. The base's \$280 million positive economic impact on the local community cannot be overstated. The advantages of pilot training in Arizona, its consistent weather, its ranges and its existing military aviation infrastructure, are clear. Equally important is the community support for the continued role of the Guard and its mission. We look forward to the base's future prosperity.

We cannot afford to lose the current 1,400 to 1,600 jobs that support our aging F-16 fleet. Without a needed plane in our future, we could have a higher cost to operate our airport and lose all those great Air Guard jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Assenmacher".

William Assenmacher
President & CEO

PS – We are 175 employees "ESOP Owned" and we love being only 3 blocks away. The noise is music to our ears!