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The Honorable Mayor Bob Walkup
Care of Tucson Lightning
162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee
PO Box 22343
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Dear Mayor Walkup:

Double Eagle Aviation 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.

My company has been doing flight training at Tucson International Airport for over 25 years. It has been our pleasure having them as our neighbor and sharing the airport with them. The 162nd has had a Military Base at TIA since the 40's and everyone that has lived by it or bought a house in the area knew that before they moved in. We need the Tucson community to stick together on keeping the 162nd at TIA for the long term.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for this very important and effective partnership.

May God Bless America and our Troops,

Tim Amalong

(CEO of Double Eagle Aviation)