

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
8th District Arizona
1661 North Swan, Suite 112
Tucson, AZ 85712

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

I am writing to show support for the Arizona Air National Guard base at Tucson International Airport and the men and women who serve there. As you know the Air Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing is a significant community partner not only for Tucson, but for all of Southern Arizona.

As the nation's premier international pilot training base for the F-16, the 162nd is vital in our community. The base annually produces \$280 million a year for Tucson's economy and is an important component of our military community. That's why I believe it is essential that Tucson continues to be a leader in training our next generation of fighter pilots.

I commend Tucson Lightning's efforts to make the city a training destination for the F-35 Lightning II. I firmly believe that our fighting men and women deserve the best training and equipment to continue their mission of defending our way of life. Let's continue to support Arizona's service members as a city and state.

Signed,