

Grant Road Lumber Co., Inc
A&H Building Materials, Co., Inc.

February 15, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Walkup:

Grant Road Lumber Co. and A & H Building Materials Co. 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.

Our contractor yard is located near DMAFB on 36th Street at the Veteran's Memorial overpass. We regularly observe aircraft from DMAFB and the Arizona Air National Guard on their training flights. It is my hope the F-35 aircraft will be based at TIA and will have a regular presence in the sky over Tucson.

We look forward to another generation of aircraft in Tucson to help preserve our freedom. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for this very important and effective partnership.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President, General Manager

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