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The Honorable Robert Walkup
Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona
c/o 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee
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Dear Mayor Walkup:

On January 17th, the Green Valley Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America met for the chapter's monthly meeting. Our guest speaker was Colonel Ted Maxwell, Vice Commander of the 162nd Fighter Wing; Arizona Air National Guard. The subject of his presentation was the consideration of Tucson as a training site for the F35 Lightning II aircraft.

By selecting Tucson as a site, there would be benefits for both the city and the Arizona Air National Guard. Strictly from an economic perspective, Tucson would continue to enjoy the current positive financial impact on the city. There are numerous long term benefits for the city. With the need for \$150,000,000 in new construction plus an annual payroll of \$106,000,000, it comes down to jobs, jobs and jobs. In addition, the F 35 aircraft will be in the "inventory" for decades.

The Green Valley Chapter of MOAA strongly supports Tucson as a training site for the F35 Lightning II program. The Officers and Directors of this chapter see the Tucson - Air National Guard Partnership as an example of "winning" for both national defense and economic development. Let us not let this outstanding opportunity slip by Tucson. We hope you share our enthusiasm for this worthwhile project and will help in reaching this goal.

For the Officers and Directors of the MOAA Chapter, Green Valley, AZ.


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