



January 19, 2010

The Honorable Bob Walkup
Mayor
City of Tucson
c/o Tucson Lightning
PO Box 22343
Tucson, AZ 85734

Dear Mayor Walkup:

On behalf of the town of Marana, Arizona, I am writing to show support for the Arizona Air National Guard base at Tucson International Airport and the 1,500 men and women who serve there. 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 our collective economies and is an important component of our military community. That's why I believe it is essential that Marana, as a regional partner in Southern Arizona, continue its support of Tucson as 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. Marana is in full support of the Arizona Air National Guard base at Tucson International Airport being selected as the home of the F-35 Lightning II.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Honea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Ed Honea
Town of Marana