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Mr. Tim Amalong  
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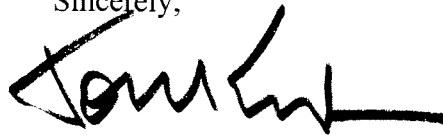
Dear Mr. Amalong:

Thank you for contacting me about the potential designation of the Tucson International Airport as a training site for the Air Force's new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. I support the bids of both Tucson and Luke Air Force Base to host the new F-35 training mission.

As you may know, the Air Force is currently reviewing the Tucson airport's candidacy. It is conducting Environment Impact Surveys (EIS) at the airport and has held six town meetings in the area to hear from local residents. The Air Force will carefully review the completed EIS before it renders a basing decision, which is expected in 2011 at the earliest.

Please be assured of my continued support.

Sincerely,



JON KYL  
United States Senator

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