

January 26, 2010

The Honorable Robert Walkup
Mayor
City of Tucson
C/O 162nd Fighter Wing Minuteman Committee
P.O. Box 22343
Tucson, AZ 85734

Dear Mayor Walkup:

I write to lend my support to the effort by the Arizona Air National Guard to bring the training base for the F-35 Lightning II, Joint Strike Fighter, to Tucson.

This would be an important economic plus for our region. Given our outstanding weather and the proximity to nearby training ranges, Tucson should be a natural choice.

The University of Arizona enjoys a very positive relationship with both Davis-Monthan and the Arizona Air National Guard. Bringing the F-35 fighter to Tucson makes great sense, and the University of Arizona is proud to lend its support to this important effort.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Shelton
President

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