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July 12, 2017

Brigadier General John D. Slocum
29553 George Avenue
Selfridge Air National Guard Base, MI 48045

Dennis E. Champine,
City Manager/City Clerk
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Dear General Slocum:

As a United States Marine Corps veteran, and the City Manager of Center Line, Michigan, I am pleased to write this letter of support to bring the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Center Line is located in Macomb County with a population of 8,327.

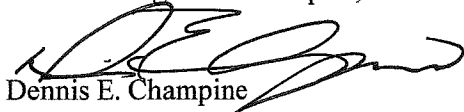
Our community understands and appreciates the true impact that Selfridge ANGB has on our region, our state and our nation. For 100 years, the communities surrounding Selfridge ANGB have supported the base. In fact, in 1950 the Mount Clemens Military-Community Relations Committee coordinated local citizen efforts to support the men and women at the base. This committee became the nation's first active and successful military relations committee. The U.S. Air Force officials took note, and Mount Clemens became a model for other military towns to follow.

In turn, Selfridge ANGB has been a staunch community partner, as well as a strategic epicenter for mission readiness at home and abroad. Home to all five branches of the armed forces, we recognize the unique and important asset that we share. Nearly 3,000 full-time civilian and military personnel, and 3,000 members of the Air and Army National Guard, and the Reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces stand ready to defend us.

On behalf of the residents, and with the official support of the City of Center Line City Council, we fully support the continued evolution of the base capabilities at Selfridge ANGB. Our community stands ready to support any element necessary to bring the F-35 to Macomb County.

I look forward to sharing good news about the anticipated announcement from the U.S. Air Force with you very soon. If there is anything I can do to provide direct support for this effort, please feel free to contact me.

With kind regards and respect,



Dennis E. Champine
City Manager

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