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

Dear General Slocum:

As Vice President, Enterprise Project Management & Environmental Services for Consumers Energy, and as a veteran of the US Army and Desert Storm, I am pleased to support the effort to bring the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Consumers Energy cares for the communities we serve, and we appreciate the impact Selfridge has on our region, our state and our nation. Selfridge is located in a military-supportive area, and we're confident the community will welcome the new F-35A and continue its support for the base. In fact, our nation's first community/military relations committee was founded in Mount Clemens, Mich. in 1950. Air Force officials took note, and Mount Clemens became a model for other military towns to follow.

In turn, Selfridge 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 we share. Nearly 3,000 fulltime 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.

Consumers Energy is committed to supporting the growth of all Michigan communities, delivering world-class performance and hometown service. In fact, we've supplied the energy that powers Michigan's innovation, growth and progress for more than 130 years. We're proud to be Michigan's seventh largest employer, one of the state's largest property owners and taxpayers and the state's second largest investor, spending \$5 billion with Michigan vendors and suppliers over five years. As part of our commitment to Michigan, we fully support the continued evolution of Selfridge base capabilities.

We've found that working together is key to success. That's why we stand ready to support any element necessary to beddown the F-35 in Macomb County.

If there is anything we can do to provide direct support for this effort, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dobbs

CC:

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator Gary Peters
Congressman Sander Levin
Congressman Paul Mitchell
Governor Rick Snyder
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