



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

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

Dear General Slocum:

As the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Harrison, I am writing to offer any and all support to help bring the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB). As the proud home of SANGB for 100 years, we have a rich history of support of the base's mission and wish to have SANGB in our community for another 100 years.

We understand the substantial economic impact that the base has on Southeast Michigan. The people in our community also value the security that SANGB provides. The base provides a home for dozens of other Federal agencies which adds value to our community. We appreciate the mutual aid that the SANGB Fire Department extends to our Fire Department. Our residents take pride in every part of the base and its mission.

On behalf of the residents of the Charter Township of Harrison, I fully support the continued evolution of base capabilities. Our community stands ready to support any element necessary to bed down the F-35A in Harrison Township.

I look forward to good news about the recommendation for placement of the new F-35A Lightning II mission at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. If there is anything we can do to provide direct support for this effort, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Verkest  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Harrison

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