



July 10, 2017

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

Dear General Slocum:

As president of Macomb Community College, I am pleased to extend our institution's support to bringing the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Our community understands and appreciates the true impact that Selfridge has on our region, our state and our nation. For 100 years, the communities, businesses and institutions surrounding Selfridge have valued and supported the base, its personnel and its mission.

Macomb Community College has a long history of partnership with Selfridge. The college provides educational opportunities for Team Selfridge members, as well as for those in the robust, local defense industry. In addition, many of our students, employees and their families are connected to the base. As a community college dedicated to fostering a strong and dynamic economic future for Macomb County and its residents, we view the continuation and expansion of Selfridge as not only important to the county's economy, but to the economic vibrancy of southeast Michigan and the entire state.

Selfridge has been a staunch community partner as well. 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 Macomb Community College, I fully support the continued evolution of Selfridge's capabilities. Our community stands ready to support the effort needed to secure the F-35 in Macomb County.

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

Sincerely,

James O. Sawyer IV

President

Macomb Community College

CC:

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator Gary Peters
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Congressman Paul Mitchell

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