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

Dear General Slocum:

As you know, the Michigan Defense Center is the State of Michigan's office specifically committed to protect and grow the defense assets, missions, industry and community in this great state. I am pleased to write this letter of support to bring the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Our state leadership understands and appreciates the true impact that Selfridge and our National Guard has had on national security and on our local pride and economy for the last 100 years. With incomparable support from local, regional and state residents and elected leaders, we fully anticipate that Selfridge will continue to grow and thrive for another century!

Selfridge has always been a great asset to this state. An example of a model modern base, it is home to all five branches of the armed forces, nearly 3,000 full-time civilian and military personnel and 3,000 award-winning members of the Air and Army National Guard and the Reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces, all ready at a moment's notice to scramble if called to duty.

As you well know, the Michigan Defense Center and our team are in full support of bringing the F-35 wing to Selfridge and will continue to commit whatever effort and resources the state has available to support this mission.

Sincerely,

Sean Carlson

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Executive Director  
Michigan Defense Center

CC: Michigan's full Congressional Delegation  
Governor Rick Snyder  
State Legislative Leadership