



July 3, 2017

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

Dear General Slocum:

Please accept this correspondence as a reflection of the encouragement and support offered by members of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the local business community as a whole to naming the Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB) as the new, permanent home of the new F-35A Lightning II Squadron.

Obvious factors that should identify SANGB as the new home of the F-35A include 1) the new jet fuel storage and delivery system; 2) the fact that the Base is home to all five branches of the armed forces; and 3) that over 3,000 dedicated full-time civilian and military personnel are prepared and ready to provide the highest level of support for this new and exciting responsibility.

In 2018, the City of Mount Clemens and the SANGB will both mark important milestones; a bi-centennial year for Mount Clemens and a centennial year for the Base. Residents and members of both the local private and public sectors all look forward to celebrating the long and storied history that we share with the SANGB and we look forward with confidence that the City, the County of Macomb, and Base personnel are prepared to support the decision to make Macomb County the new home of the F-35A Squadron.

We invite and encourage those involved in the review and recommendation process leading up to the decision for the placement of the Squadron to come meet and talk with local residents and business owners. We can assure you that everyone locally is committed and supportive of the Base and the dedicated professionals who serve and stand ready to defend us all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen R. Saph Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen R. Saph Jr.
Chairman

cc: U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
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