



Charter Township of Washington Supervisor's Office

COUNTY OF MACOMB
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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John Paul Rea, Director
Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development
1 South Main, 7th Floor
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Dear Mr. Rea:

As the supervisor of Washington Township I am pleased to write this letter of support to bring the new F-35A Lightning II to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Washington Township is located in Macomb County and has a population of approximately 25,000.

Our community understands and appreciates the true impact that Selfridge has on our region, our state and our nation. For 100 years, the communities surrounding Selfridge have supported the base. In fact, in 1950 the Mount Clemens Military-Community Relations Committee coordinated local citizen efforts to support the men and women the base. This committee became the nation's first active and successful military relations committee. 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 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 the residents of Washington Township, I fully support the continued evolution of base capabilities. Our community stands ready to support any element necessary to beddown the F-35 in Macomb County.

I look forward to sharing good news about the anticipated announcement from the U.S. Air Force with you very soon. If there is anything I can do to provide direct support for this effort, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel O'Leary
Washington Township Supervisor

CC: Brigadier General John D. Slocum
U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator Gary Peters
Congressman Sander Levin
Congressman Paul Mitchell
Governor Rick Snyder
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