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October 24, 2019

HON Barbara Barrett  
Secretary  
U.S. Air Force  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Secretary Barrett,

Please see the attached resolution adopted in support of the F-35 basing with the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Dane County Regional Airport, passed by the Waunakee Village Board.

The resolution passed overwhelmingly, with a vote of 7 to 0. The resolution of support (attached), is one of many which have been approved by communities in the Madison area and in proximity to Truax Air National Guard Base at Dane County Regional Airport.

Our community of approximately 13,675 citizens strongly supports the Air Force's recommendation to base the F-35 at Truax, which is approximately 11 miles from the Village of Waunakee. Please take into consideration our community's overwhelming support for the USAF's choice to perform the F-35A mission at Truax when making your final decision.

Sincerely,

Chris J. Zellner  
Village President

Cc:

F-35A EIS Project Manager  
NGB/A4AM  
Shepperd Hall  
3501 Fetchet Avenue  
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**VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE  
RESOLUTION NO. R19-21**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF F-35 FIGHTER AIRPLANES AT TRUAX  
FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE IN MADISON, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Truax Field is an Air National Guard Unit located at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing 18 potential locations, the U.S. Air Force selected Truax Field Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin as the preferred location for one of the next two Air National Guard f-35A bases; and

WHEREAS, F-35As will allow the Air Force to maintain its air dominance capabilities and allow Service Members to conduct their missions with greater safety, which benefits the country as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force expects the state-of-the-art F-35As would begin arriving at Truax Field by early 2023; and

WHEREAS, F-35As will replace the Block 30 F-16s flown by the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, which are the oldest model F-16s in the Air Force, and this will ensure the long-term viability of Truax Field; and

WHEREAS, for 71 years there has been an uninterrupted Air Force mission at Truax Field, and the F-35As will be the tenth different air frame flown from Truax Field; and

WHEREAS, the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has long history of being good neighbors to Dane County Regional Airport, has worked cooperatively with the airport in the past to mitigate noise impacts by adjusting flight patterns and flight times and making significant infrastructure investments, and has indicated that the F-35 provides further opportunities to mitigate noise impacts, including almost completely eliminating afterburner use at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the F-35 mission would maintain and enhance the economic impact of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing by continuing its \$100 million of economic output and 1,660 in-state jobs and creating 64 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the F-35 mission would provide up to \$120 million in improvements to the Dane County Regional Airport and create hundreds of construction jobs with a total economic impact to the region of more the \$3.3 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby recognizes the many federal, state, and local contributions of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and supports the basing of the next generation of freedom fighting aircraft at Truax Field.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.



Village President

Attest:



Village Clerk