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April 15, 2011

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg
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Dear Senator Lautenberg:

As Chairman of the New Jersey Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am writing to urge your support for full production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft, a critical system needed for our future ability to maintain our National Defense.

In my capacity as Chair, I often hear directly from Veterans and military families that there is no better way to support our service members than by providing them with the best available technology and equipment as they lay their lives on the line in service to our country. I also understand the local economic impact derived from supporting military bases in our state. The equipment needs of the active military and the Air National Guard directly impact our economy by creating invaluable local job opportunities.

The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jet marries these fundamental issues. A Fifth Generation stealth fighter, the F-35 affords the United States and its allies a tactical air advantage for detecting and engaging asymmetric threats with advanced radar and other detection capabilities that has been fundamental to military strategy since World War II. The program also provides quality jobs across the country, including more than 127,000 throughout the United States who depend upon the F-35 program directly or indirectly for employment.

Here in New Jersey, the development of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jet accounts for 1,000 direct and indirect jobs and a \$60 million annual economic impact. It is particularly important to South Jersey with the presence of Lockheed Martin and the F-35 supplier companies in the region. In addition, a fully funded program is necessary to allow the Air National Guard; in particular the 177th Fighter Wing headquartered in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, to be a part of a concurrent and balanced fielding of aircraft from the Air Force. As an integral part of the Air Sovereignty Alert mission, New Jersey and the 177th Fighter Wing are strategically located for this aircraft and its mission.

Thank you for your consideration and sharing my support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jet. It is of vital importance to our National Defense, and also critical for ensuring quality jobs that will greatly benefit our State during these economically challenged times. Please feel free to contact my office if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Beach".

James Beach
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May 25, 2011

The Honorable Steven R. Rothman
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Dear Mr. Rothman:

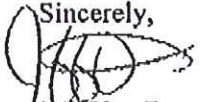
New Jersey's First Legislative District is home to a valuable asset for our state -- the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May. It is here that many young men and women gain the skills and knowledge necessary to protect the maritime economy and the environment, defend our maritime borders and save those in peril.

As Senator for the First Legislative District and member of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, I've acquired experience in working with active-duty military personnel and veterans here and around the state, which has informed me of the importance of advanced and adaptable technologies in maintaining our national security.

Taking this into account, I ask that you offer your support fully fund a critical national defense program, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Offering significant advances in pilot awareness, stealth and defensive performance, a timely acquisition of this aircraft is critical to maintain American's air superiority. In addition, the project supports nearly 1,000 direct and indirect jobs in New Jersey, with an economic impact of over \$63 million dollars.

As conditions around the globe continue to be increasingly unpredictable, the F-35 will serve as a foundation for ensured reliability and defense. Should you have any questions regarding the F-35, I welcome you to reach out to my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


Jeff Van Drew
Senator

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dear Congressman Rothman,

As a legislator and businesswoman, I have dedicated a lifetime to the advancing advocacy issues that will have a concrete, positive impact on communities in New Jersey and beyond. Having served as a member of NJ Council of Armed Forces & Veterans Affairs since 2004, I also have an ingrained appreciation for the critical role of our armed forces in maintaining the safety and security of our state and nation, both at home and overseas.

With these commitments in mind, I respectfully ask that you support full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. Global warfare is increasingly unpredictable and modern technology presents new threats every day. Therefore, it is of dire importance that U.S. and Allied fighter fleets are equipped with the only 5th generation aircraft capable of countering these threats.

The F-35 program also has a direct relationship to New Jersey's fiscal recovery and is an economic boon to our state. New Jersey is poised for an infusion of over \$60 million annually, and our skilled workforce will appreciate the creation of nearly 1,000 jobs.

Please keep the direct, positive effects on New Jersey in mind and support full funding of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. Should you have any further questions regarding the program, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Diane Allen
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NEW JERSEY SENATE
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SENATOR DONALD W. NORCROSS
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May 26, 2011

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg
One Gateway Center, 23rd Floor
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Dear Senator Lautenberg:

As a lifelong advocate of working men and women across New Jersey, I've always found it most important to support initiatives that create ongoing, quality employment opportunities for our constituents. Like all Americans, however, I owe a special focus to the needs of military and veterans throughout our state. In addition to serving on the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, I was also a founding member and on the executive board of The Home Port Alliance, a coalition that brought the retired USS New Jersey - the most decorated battleship in U.S. history – to Camden.

The USS New Jersey rests on the Camden waterfront as a monument to the brave men and women who have served our country and as an appreciation of the technology to keep our military safe. Representing the future of warfare technology, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter will usher in a new era of advanced avionics and integrated technologies that will recapitalize our aging fleet of military aircraft. With a revolutionary system of efficiency and compatibility, the F-35 production system will help keep New Jersey working – accounting for nearly 1,000 direct and indirect jobs in New Jersey with \$63 million in annual economic impact.

In your ongoing consideration of issues that matter to the people of New Jersey, I ask that you please provide your support to the full funding of the F-35 program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Donald Norcross

Senator

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April 25, 2011

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg
U.S. Senate
One Gateway Center, 23rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is one of New Jersey's chief assets. The work done at the base to prepare our military to defend this nation is fundamental to our national security. New Jersey is not only proud to be home to that work, but the base's economic impact to the state is invaluable.

In that context, I ask that you support full funding for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The program brings \$60 million of annual economic impact to our state and is responsible for 1,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Given my role on the Senate's Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and having part of the Joint Base in my district, I know the importance of supporting military operations. When I make this request, I am speaking for my constituents and for citizens throughout New Jersey who would feel the economic impact of any reduction in the F-35 program.

The F-35 is critical economically and militarily. The benefits that return to New Jersey and the United States from the program are proof that it should not be sacrificed. I welcome you or your staff to call my office anytime at 609-693-6700 to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. CONNORS

Senator - 9th District

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