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May 24, 2011

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg  
One Gateway Center, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

As the Chairmen of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committees for the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, we take this opportunity to urge your full support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

With escalating tensions abroad, and pending technological innovations from non-allied nations, the timely production of the aircraft is essential to our national security. While the project ensures great advances in working together with our allied partners, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter will ensure our technological superiority of air defense, and greatly benefit our Air Force, Navy and Marines and their coordinated efforts. Replacing our fleet of legacy aircraft, currently older than at any point in history, this 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft will offer our armed forces essential modernizations in intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and command systems.

In terms of economic development associated with the project, \$63 million in annual economic impact are related to the full production of the F-35 program, along with nearly 1,000 direct and indirect jobs from 51 in-state suppliers. With the affordability and employment levels based on consistent rates of production, any cuts to the program could undermine the projected benefits. On behalf of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committees of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, thank you for your time and consideration. We greatly appreciate your support, and ask that you please contact our offices for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Senator James Beach  
Chair, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
New Jersey Senate

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Assemblyman Jack Connors  
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April 25, 2011

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg  
One Gateway Center, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

On behalf of my constituents in the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, the veterans and military community that I represent as Vice President of the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and hardworking people throughout New Jersey, I respectfully ask that you fully support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

With 51 suppliers in New Jersey, the F-35 program translates into nearly 1,000 direct and indirect jobs and has an annual economic impact of nearly \$60 million throughout our state. More importantly, the unparalleled technology that will be available in the F-35 will provide our active duty service men and women in the armed forces the tools necessary to remain safe and effective on the battlefield.

Projects like the F-35 project keep our military secure in their mission and effective in their execution, while ensuring career opportunities on the home front. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, we welcome you to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cleopatra G. Tucker".

Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker



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April 27, 2011

The Honorable Steven R. Rothman  
25 Main Street, Suite 101  
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Hackensack, NJ 07601

Dear Mr. Rothman:

In representing the many interests of the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly, perhaps the most striking matters are ones that have a multi-level impact throughout our society.

A recent example of this sort is the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. On a national and international level, this project is of the utmost significance. The F-35 will drastically modernize our fleet of fighter aircraft, currently older than at any point in history, and forge enhanced relations with our allied partners by enabling joint operations between our nations. In addition, it ensures our technical superiority, as growing technological threats from hostile nations continue to mount.

As important as this program is on such a large scale, positive implications will be very tangible in our state and our legislative district. With an economic impact of over \$60 million in New Jersey and estimated direct and indirect jobs connected to the program running at nearly 1,000, it's very clear that this project is key in continuing New Jersey's economic recovery. In addition, with the joint base within the borders of our legislative district, maintaining the strength of our armed forces is very much an issue of local importance.

Please keep in mind the concerns of your constituency in the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District as you consider your support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. We urge to our District Office should you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

BRIAN E. RUMPF  
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