

**From:** Steven Walsh <samlaw74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support for the 115th Fighter Wing

Dear City Council Members,

I fully support and advocate for the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing and the F35 aircraft coming to Madison. As a Dane County Resident, who lives near the airport, I ask for your full support of these aircraft coming to Madison and the economic impact it will have for Madison, Dane County and the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing. I whole heartedly oppose any resolution that does not support the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing and ask that any agenda item of non-support be removed from any future City Council meetings.

Steven J. Walsh 3925 Sunnyvale Drive DeForest, WI 53532-2710

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**From:** Rosie Pietura <siciliansinger93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing resolution

How about you quit being sneaky and trying to ruin our National Guard 115th Fighter wing?! You are supposed to work for our state and country, not your special interests!

Thanks, a concerned Citizen

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**From:** JOHN CRASE <john8crase@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:49 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Stop!

We need the 115th.  
Please stop with your sneak agenda. Thank you

John Crase

**From:** Gary Ebben <gatebben@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:00 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Madison city council resolution

As a resident of Dane County I strongly urge the city council to remove the proposed anti 115th Fighter Wing resolution on the Tue Mar 31st agenda. COVID-19 is an extraordinary example of why we need a strong air national guard. As airmen have been placed on state active duty to respond to this national health emergency, they are doing what they always do - run towards the emergency to protect others even if at self and family risk. Especially during this world pandemic, they deserve our gratitude, respect and support. The airmen of the 115th Fighter Wing continue to unselfishly support our community and the entire state as they have for more than 70 years. They are a critical part of the fabric of our community as our friends and neighbors, many of whom have lived here for decades. They represent a core value of service before self and are always ready - always there!

Respectfully,

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**From:** Mike Carter <mjcarter0923@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:55 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti 115th fighter wing

It is disgraceful that the city of madison has added this resolution to the common council meeting scheduled for tuesday of this week. We are in the middle of a crisis that will have the most severe economic impacts that any current generation has ever seen. The f35 will bring jobs and economic support to our region. Anyone not considering this has no business representing the tax payer!

**From:** Mike Jonasson <mikejonasson@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:37 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 FW

To the Alders and particularly Lindsay Lemmers,

I support the 115th Fighter Wing and the transition to the F-35. The local economy will need the positive financial impact more than ever with the devastation caused by COVID-19, and Wisconsin's support for the the mission will help protect the national security of our great nation. I believe the benefits far outweigh any negatives. Thank you.

Mike Jonasson  
6206 Kilpatrick Lane  
Madison WI 53718  
608-354-1362

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**From:** Todd Martin <dcntodd@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:37 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th FW Resolution

I want to go on record as opposing the proposed anti Air Guard resolution to be presented for a vote on March 31.

Our local Air Guard deserves our support.

Dcn. Todd Martin  
USAR Retired  
Vietnam Combat Vet  
5258 Summer Ridge Dr.  
53704

Sent from Deacon Todd Martin+ on my iPad

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**From:** Norma Van Buren <njvanburen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:32 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 FW Resolution

I am asking you to remove the above resolution from your Agenda on Tuesday. We are in a crisis and you for some reason feel it proper to at the last moment add this item to your Agenda. These men and women put their lives on the line for all of us. Please be considerate.

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Bob/Barb Arnold <2barnolds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Remove it from Tuesday's agenda

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Arnold

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**From:** Randy <chugbugwink@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 fighter wing

What a shame that you would vote against the 115 fighter wing in a time like this. The guard is fighting the virus battle. Where is the states emergency management house. At a time when we need good paying jobs with benefits and you have the nerve to vote against. How about we sign all if you up to transport virus infected people or how about you alders go to care for the sick in the nursing homes. Shame on all of you

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Vicki E <vle13@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** SHAME ON YOU!

I heard about your vote on Tuesday March 31. I am outraged that you would do something SO underhanded. Shame on you all!! You are NOT voting for the majority! These individuals are doing amazing things right now and you cowards are choosing this time to do this behind their backs. I am ashamed to say I live in Madison!!!

Vicki  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sven Ole <sjerome1954@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** bad form

I am supporting the f35's Bad form on your part. Thanks

Jerry Lund  
222 E Dean Ave

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**From:** Carmen Schultz <cdmmsa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti 115th Resolution

Alders,  
I find it absolutely SHAMEFUL AND DECEITFUL, DESPICABLE that during the Corona virus crisis you are putting this on the agenda. When the guard has assisted the community in many ways dealing with this health emergency.

Elections are around the corner as well!

PULL IT FROM THE AGENDA!!!!

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**From:** sjunkeris@charter.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:09 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution?

To all of the Allalders:

In the midst of a Public Health Emergency you would take up a resolution for Anti-115 FW. I'm so ashamed of you people! How could you do this when people are dying from this virus? No one can travel at this time, you're well aware of that fact and this is why your doing it. It's an unthinkable act!

I grew up in Madison and now live in Sun Prairie. I felt so good when I would see a service man or women in uniform stationed at Truax Field. I was so proud and felt so safe when I would hear the jets flying over are home on the east side of Madison. City of Madison and Dane County do not deserve devious minded people to serve.

Regards,  
Concerned Citizen

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**From:** Chris McCallan <mccallanchris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:04 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** You should be ashamed of yourselves....

As a former member of the Madison community who still has relatives and friends there and a retired USAF fighter pilot, I am totally ashamed of your city councils behavior. To sneak something as important as a vote on the future of your local ANG base and personnel last minute during our national medical emergency is disgusting. This is what's wrong with politics in America, people like you pushing your own agenda and disregarding the 1500 individuals who are a part of this wing and live and support your community in a myriad of ways. To sneak this important vote in at a time like this is very disturbing to me and I highly recommend you reconsider this abhorrent behavior. Just as ridiculous is to try to cut jobs in your community at what may become our nations worst recession in decades... Very short sighted.

Thank you for your time,

Chris McCallan  
321-427-9814

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** CAROL CUSHING <rnc750@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:57 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F 35

I am a resident of Dane County. I full support the F 35. I am sad you would not support our military. There here are a little over 1,000 households impacted. The F 35 is no louder than the F 16. You are turning away a lot of revenue for the state. Bring the F 35 here, do the correct thing for all and not the wrong thing for a few.

Thank for your time  
Carol Cushing  
608-206-0666

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Courtney Hanko <hankocm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:55 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** In Favor of the 115th

Hello,

It is extremely unfortunate that during this time of crisis that the Madison City Council is now adding a vote for the resolution to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing. We have hundreds of guardsmen activated to duty from the governors orders that are supporting our state and they do not have the option to return for a council meeting that is focused on their livelihood. You are jeopardizing the presence of this organization in the future for our great state.

Sincerely,  
Courtney Kuhl  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dave Kemp <bumpakemp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:44 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull resolution

This is so disappointing , shame on u.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** wfenster@charter.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:33 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** BadgerAir@gmail.com

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
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- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better as a Veteran I would be proud to live next to the airport and the Guardsmen
- Wendall Fenstermann
- Brooklyn WI.

**From:** wfenster@charter.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:33 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** BadgerAir@gmail.com

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**From:** Brad Thompson <bet85@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:33 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution

Dear Alders,

It's interesting that at a time like this members of the community would not have a voice in a decision when the board is attempting sneak a resolution under the table when we are in a state of emergency. Ignoring the voices of those serving, please reconsider based on the following.

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Thank you for reconsidering your poor choice.

Brad Thompson  
3737 Country Grove Drive  
Madison WI 53719

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**From:** Dave McLean <davem151@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti F-35 Resolution

City of Madison Alders,

I find it appalling that you would have the nerve to vote on a resolution that could have a negative impact on hundreds of military jobs when many of these brave men and women are currently serving our great state to combat the spread of COVID-19, and many will not have the opportunity to attend the meeting to personally voice their concerns since they are on military duty. How dare the City Alders vote on a resolution when the Governor has asked the public stay at home except for essential travel, seems to me the Council is failing to allow the public to voice their concerns. Each day the brave men and women in the 115th are putting their lives at risk as well as their families by helping to slow the spread of COVID-19. I find it downright cowardly that the City Alders would vote given the current situation of the city, county and our nation.

I challenge each and every one of you to come out and join these brave men and women to combat the spread of COVID-19. Or do you prefer to hunker down safely in your own home? That is not an option that these brave men and women have right now because they swore to follow the orders of the Governor of this great State and the President of the United States, regardless of political affiliation. I don't understand how you could live with yourselves knowing these men and women are literally risking their lives so you don't have to and yet you would take a vote that could potentially lead to them losing their jobs. They bravely defend the freedom of our great nation and do so proudly.

These men and women proudly serve this community, state and nation regardless of their own political affiliations and thoughts. Your selfish, politically motivated vote is something that you should be ashamed of. How convenient to have a vote now since the Governor has asked all residents to stay at home except for essential travel! I think a few hundred people attending the meeting should be deemed as essential travel.

Many of the local small business around the 115th FW are strong supporters of the military. Some of the small business rely on the military as a primary source of their income. For example, I have been going to the same small two person barbershop for 40 years, and about 35% of his business is from the military. The loss of the 115th would be a huge financial loss for him. What if that was your business, how would you fill the void?

Please keep in mind that if the F35 mission does not come to the 115th, the base will close when the F16 is retired, be that in five or ten years, it will happen. There is currently not another flying mission forecasted for this unit. The loss of the 115th will leave a huge economic void of almost \$100 million per year. How will the City Alders fill that void? The Oscar Meyer site is still vastly underutilized and I think Madison call ill afford to lose another large employer on the northeast side of town.

The 115th FW financially impacts not just the City of Madison, but all of Dane county and southern Wisconsin, and many of those communities have passed resolutions strongly supporting the F35 mission. I think the City Alders are being extremely narrow minded if this resolution passes. If a vote is take and the resolution is passed, our community will be split even more, and in my humble opinion, a divisive move that is not warranted. I strongly urge you to reconsider voting on this resolution.

Respectfully,

Dave McLean  
DeForest, WI 53532  
608-220-8030

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**From:** Larry <ruggerfan51@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Alders,

I feel compelled to write you in support of the F-35 assignment to the 115th FW, Wisconsin Air National Guard (WANG).

As a former member of this unit, and resident of Madison, I am proud of their selection to have at their access a front line weapons system. This doesn't happen often to Guard units, usually receiving second hand aircraft from front line units.

As members of the team are deployed in state combating Covid19, you take a move to run a resolution through, when no one can speak due to the Governor's order concerning meetings and assembly of people over the amount of 10 or more, let alone the members of the ANG being present and stating their case.

I hereby request that you postpone, or better yet cancel your discussion/vote on said subject.

Thank you,

Larry Steinborn  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** donandiane <donandiane@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Really Madison! The state is in a state of emergency such that the governor felt it necessary to call up the military and you pick this time and place to fight the military. Everyone is preoccupied with the health and well being of family and friends and one of your priorities is to try and show our military and civilians who support them the way out of town.

Take the resolution off your Tuesday agenda and replace it with a thank you and proclamation of support and praise for the military in general and the 115th specifically.

Thank you.

Don Schultz

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone



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**From:** Rodney Kellerhuis <rodfreykellertuts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I support the F-35 Program we as a city need this. I have lived in Madison all my life and I Have always felt safer knowing those planes are here! I had 2 Uncles that were in the Air Force. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** richnordeng@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:00 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday agenda 115FW

Please remove the 115 FW item from Tuesday's agenda. Opposition to modernizing the Guard in Madison is ill-considered at best. To advance that opposition under current circumstances is most unseemly. It smacks of callous ingratitude.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** cmwestrich@uwalumni.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:57 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Request to pull resolution from Tuesday's agenda

Madison City Council Alders,

It is highly disappointing that at a time like this when our community and state are focused on the COVID-19 crisis and being safer at home, the Madison Alders will be voting on the opposition of the selection of Truax Field in Madison, WI as a preferred location for the 5th Operational Beddown. Furthermore, it's unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community. At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades. Our Guardsmen deserve better.

Sincerely,

Corinne Westrich  
Town of Dunn

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**From:** james johnson <jnjohnson1938@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Together Truax  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Please remove Anti-115th FW resolution from Tuesday, March 31, 2020 agenda. It's only fair Madison do its part in protecting the freedoms we Americans hold dear. If all Americans rejected some form of military, who would then protect us. Lets do our part in keeping Madison, Wisconsin and America strong and free.

James Johnson  
351 W. Wilson St., #5  
Madison, WI 53703

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**From:** Colleen Williams <tcwilli79@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:38 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti 115th Fighter Resolution

Remove this from Tuesday's Agenda

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Thomas Kuhne <kuhneboys@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:31 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fighter Wing Opposition Vote

All Alders,

As a citizen of Madison and a strong proponent of the 115th Fighter Wing and the economic benefits that will come to Madison, I am asking all Adlers to vote to postpone this vote until citizens can attend the meeting and have their voice heard.

Th fact that you as an organization would try to slide this vote on to the agenda knowing that members of the community can not attend due to the Stay Safe at Home order from the Governor is truly an act of cowardice and unethical.

Respectfully,

Thomas Kuhne  
2813 Interlaken Pass  
Madison, WI 53719

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Peter Treinen <pete1horse@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I think it's awesome, we need the new jets in Madison. God bless the military, police, first responders and medical people in the world we live in. Get a grip, this is the least of our concerns in today world

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Laura Van Roo <laupete@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing resolution

Dear Alders,

I support the 115th Fighter Wing and support that you pull the resolution from Tuesday's agenda.

Sincerely,

Laura Van Roo

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Tim Herbrand <herbrandtim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:26 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution

I think any vote that needs to be done should be suspended ,this I would classify as unfair practices,you are taking advantage of a bad situation

**From:** Brandy Koehler <btkoehler23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Your Fellow Community Member and Guardsman

Good Afternoon Alders!

I'm sure you have a lot of opinions in your inbox at the moment, but I wanted to take the time to have my voice heard. At a time when our communities are more in need than ever, I am honored to serve my friends and neighbors as a guardsman. The 115th Fighter Wing has allowed me incredible opportunities to better the lives of others. I have participated in medical missions where we have set up free clinics for underserved populations, helped stop seasonal flooding from destroying infrastructure, and built a summer camp for children with special needs. We are so much more than planes. We are your coworkers, college students, and neighbors ready to go at a moment's notice to serve in whatever capacity we are able. At this very moment we have teams of highly trained personnel on state active duty working hard with community members to stop the spread of Covid-19. And we need your support. Our F16s are rapidly aging and our mission must adapt. In securing the F35s for our base we are not only ensuring the future of the 115th, but the presence of its members in our communities. Members like me, a first generation Molecular Biology student at UW Madison who wouldn't have been able to afford college without the tuition assistance offered by the 115th. Members who in addition to pride in service receive low cost health insurance for themselves and their children. Members whose opportunities in life are greatly improved by military service, and whose perspectives are shifted beyond that of the self to the needs of our community as a whole.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Regards,  
SrA Brandy T. Koehler

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**From:** Larry S <skrenes1@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** BadgerAir@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Tuesday's Agenda

Honorable representatives of the people,

It would be highly irresponsible to include the 115th Fighter Wing Resolution on your Tuesday Agenda. Now is not the time during our "safer at home" restrictions. For or against, the right and honorable thing to do is pull this resolution from Tuesday's agenda. All the people represented by the Madison City Council deserve a fair voice.

Respectfully,

Larry Skrenes  
Sun Prairie

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**From:** Patricia Hackett <patriciaehackett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution

SHAME, SHAME.... The right thing to do is pull this resolution from your upcoming meeting. Your reputation in the community is not exactly a stellar one and this is just another example of your underhanded techniques.

Patricia Hackett  
73 Golf Course Road, Unit E  
Madison, WI 53704

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**From:** rt169@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:16 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 fighter wing

“It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,” said Chris Arenz, Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council. “Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process.”

Please pull this resolution from the agenda.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** joseph\_lustgraaf@att.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:06 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support The Men & Women of the 115th Fighter Wing at Truax Fld:

To the Allalders and Mayor of City of Madison,

I've been a resident of Madison since Labor Day Weekend 1972, both in the Eastside and Northside of Madison. I fully support the Men, Women, and Mission of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Wisconsin Air National Guard. Since shortly after 911, the Fighter Wing provides us and the nation with 24/7 Alert coverage from the Twin Cities MN to St. Louis MO. Even when they deploy in support of our nation, there is still a contingent of Airmen here on Alert.

Currently the Governor has called up some of our Airmen from the unit to assist and support the State of Wisconsin during the COVID-19 crisis and deserve our support and not trying to pass a

Resolution casing away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.

I request that:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph

Joseph M. Lustgraaf

1830 Manley St.

Madison, WI 53704-3320

(608) 249-2581

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**From:** David Younk <dyounk@genbev.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution

All Alders,

I'm writing this tonight to strongly oppose your adding of your F-35 opposition resolution to this Tuesdays Council Meeting. At this dark time in the Citys and Nations history, when all of your energy should be into fighting this pandemic, you have the audacity to get this resolution added to the meeting agenda. This is beyond reprehensible, especially at a time when the very soldiers you are basically opposing are out literally on the front lines of this epidemic helping to save lives and provide needed support for our states residents. I strongly urge you to rethink this move which is certainly a slap in the face to those who are risking their lives and safety at this time. If you go through with this I can guarentee it will get significant negative publicity for both the City of Madison and each of you. Do the right thing and remove this from the meeting agenda.

Respectfully,

Dave Younk

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**From:** Randy Gundlach <gundfly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:00 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** A resolution to oppose the 115th fighter wing

What is wrong with you people?! What you are trying to do on Tuesday, March 31st is shameful.

The past two years I have spent several months in Surprise, Arizona. Just down the road is Luke AFB. I believe the largest training facility for F-35 pilots. I have yet to see in any print or media, opposition to these aircraft in the Phoenix area. I feel very proud to be an American when I have had the opportunity to hear and see them in the air.

At this time, you should be spending your time on the seriousness of the virus in the community and not trying to sneak a resolution in.

I have asked you before to do the right thing in regards to this matter. I am asking again. The path you want to go down is not what is best for all. Only best for you.

Randy Gundlach  
Verona, WI



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**From:** Byron Degenhardt <lordbyron1945@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:59 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 @ Truax

It seems pretty underhanded that you would try to slip in a resolution on the Tuesday agenda to oppose the F-35s coming to Truax. You should be ashamed of yourselves to even try that when everyone is focused on stopping the spread of the virus. We have Air Force people out there now working and you literally stab them in the back!

I fully support the F-35. us  
Drop the resolution now!

Coming to you from east Madison ( in the flight path since 1972).  
Byron L Degenhardt

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** THOMAS FLEMING <paulsflem@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:57 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Truax

We have more pressing problems than adding a resolutions to your March 31st meeting. I thought this had already been resolved and luckily Madison and the state of Wisconsin was getting the F35's. Be Americans and support the military and National guard. This seems to me just a anti government/military agenda.

Tom Fleming  
Madison Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sue Becker <andyroomom4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Vote in FAVOR of the 115th Fighter Wing

I understand there is a pending resolution which asks to have Truax withdrawn from consideration for the 115th Fighter Wing. As a City of Madison Resident, I am against this resolution and in favor of having them come to Madison.

Please don't do this to our city, we have had the airport here forever and we deserve to have the 115th here.

Thank you.

Bo Cox  
327 East Hill Pkwy  
Madison, WI 53718

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**From:** Betty <chlebo37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday night agenda.

Please pull this from the agenda at this time. This is just as bad as what's going on in Washington D C. Let's at least TRY to show a little class in Madison. We don't need anymore dirty politics.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Erik Thomasgard <erikthomasgard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:36 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Madisin Alders,

In the midst of this public health crisis you should be focusing on essential business at Tuesdays meeting.

At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen throughout the state have been activated in response to COVID-19, now is not the time to be opposing an aircraft upgrade that literally secures the future of our Air National Guard for another 30+ years in Madison.

While Madison has bigger challenges facing them during this crisis, some Alders are diverting energy toward a charade and spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision.

Our Guardamen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better. Some of you should be ashamed of yourselves, you know who you are.

Sincerely,

Erik Thomasgard

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**From:** Gary Voskuil <gvoskuil@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:35 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th

I find your attack on the 115th just sad. They are out there trying to save lives, you are playing divisive games to further your political "careers".

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** William Hoyt <b.hoyt46@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:33 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th resolution

Pull this resolution...leave the fighter win in place!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joni Borchardt <jborchardt55@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's agenda

I think it is despicable that you are sneaking the future of the 115th into Tuesday's agenda. No one will be able to come to the meeting to voice their opinion. Stopping the 115th fighter wing in Madison will eliminate Over \$100 million in economic impact and 1500 jobs. The 115th are currently helping all over the state with the Coronavirus and you are doing this. You should be ashamed of yourselves!!

My husband and I live in DeForest and hear the jets go over our home. To us it is the sound of freedom. These new jet are not any louder and the noise is short and infrequent Please reconsider your agenda!!

Thank you

Joni Borchardt

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Sherrie Volbrecht <2volbrechts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposition to your opposition!

Alders:

My wife and I oppose your opposition to the U.S.A.F choosing Madison for the F-35's at Truex!

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- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Roger and Sherrie Volbrecht  
5621 Rustic Woods Drive  
Madison 53716

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Bill Backes <vfw8320@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support & Keep the 115th Fighter Wing

Representatives

I am writing you to pass on my support for the 115th Fighter Wing. I know personally how the loss of the 440th TAW was on it's members and the business community and the Community as a whole. Please don't let happen in Madison what happened Milwaukee

Please support the F-35's

Thank You for your time

William A Backes

Msgt. Ret. USAFR0

**From:** dale.bernstein@midwestsstrc.org  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Truax

For 70 years there has been an uninterrupted Air Force mission at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin.

From the F-51 Mustangs first assigned to the squadron at its formation in 1948, to becoming the first Air National Guard unit to fly a modern jet fighter with the F-89A Scorpion mission in the 1950s, to the F-102s in the 1960s-70s and the A-10 Thunderbolt in the 1980s.

In 1992, following the unit receiving the first "OUTSTANDING" rating ever given to any fighter unit for a Unit Effectiveness Inspection and numerous other Outstanding Unit Awards, the Fighter Wing began converting to the F-16 Fighting Falcons.

The F-16s currently assigned to the 115th Fighter Wing are the F-16 Block 30 aircraft, the oldest operational F-16s in the Air Force. The F-35 is considered to be the Air Force's replacement for the early model F-16 aircraft, which are expected to be retired in the 2020's.

In April 2016, the Air Force identified 18 Air National Guard bases which operate 4th Generation fighters (F-15, F-16 & A-10) as candidate bases for an F-35 mission. In December 2016, Truax Air National Guard Base was named as one of the 5 candidates which would be further evaluated along with sites in Boise (ID), Selfridge (MI), Jacksonville (FL) and Montgomery (AL).

On December 21st, 2017 the United States Air Force selected Truax Field Air National Guard Base, Wisconsin as one of the preferred location for the next two Air National Guard F-35A bases.

"Selecting Truax Field will increase Air National Guard F-35A units providing 5th Generation airpower around the world," said Secretary of the Air Force

Heather Wilson. “As F-35As arrive at these locations, we will use the existing aircraft at these fields to replace the aging F-16s at other Air National Guard units.”

At this time, the Air Force expects the F-35As to begin arriving at Truax Field in early 2023 and at Dannelly Field later that year.

These locations remain preferred alternatives until the secretary of the Air Force makes the final basing decisions after the requisite environmental analysis is complete.

Studies of concluded that the proposed F-35A program are not able to be nuclear equipped, contrary to the opposition which has repeatedly stated and continues to state forth.

The 115th Fighter Wing makes significant contributions to the local and state economy:

- The 115th Fighter Wing employs over 1,200 civilian and military employees and has a payroll of approximately \$62 million
- The 115th Fighter Wing provides Fire and EMS support for Truax
- The 115th Fighter Wing supports 1,650 in-state jobs and has an annual economic impact of over \$100 million
- The 115th Fighter Wing, with the F-35A program will provide on going nad continued employment and growth opportunities, to include upgrading facilities.
- The 115th Fighter Wing provides over \$1 million in annual tuition payments to local colleges helping Airmen return into the private sector workforce with an undergraduate degree, 6 years of on the job training in a diverse array of highly technical career fields

Over the last seven decades, the 115th Fighter Wing has made numerous contributions to our state and region. Receiving the F-35 mission will ensure that these contributions and many more to come, will remain for decades to come.

I support the 115th, Truax, Operational F-35A Beddown, Madison and the surrounding region, the Great State of Wisconsin and the United States of America.

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## *Dale Bernstein*

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**From:** Marty Timmins <mmtimm@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:26 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** New Air Nation Fighter Planes

Remove the resolution opposing these planes that has been added to Tuesday night's City Council Agenda with little publicity. This is a typical tactic of radical leftists. Use a major emergency to cover secret radical actions to receive little opposition from the public and especially when people are confined to their homes. The resolution needs more publicity and should be held until the safer at home program is over.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Lana Hahn <lanajhahn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Sneaking this into the agenda when everyone is "Safe at home" seems very dishonest. Please this off the agenda and respect those of us at home. I respect integrity over dishonesty.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Larry F. Sommers <larryfsommers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please vote against the resolution opposing the 115th Fighter Wing. We need this vital National Defense asset to continue its stellar existence here in Madison. Its 1,500 skilled workers and their families have more than \$100 million economic impact on our community. And we must support our National Defense.

Thank you.

**Larry F. Sommers**  
438 Hilltop Drive  
Madison WI 53711-1212

[LarryFSommers@gmail.com](mailto:LarryFSommers@gmail.com)  
608-238-7731

<https://LarryFSommers.com>



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**From:** ban1ta <ban1ta@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:23 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Agenda

Madison Alders,

To introduce a vote on the 115th fighter wing during this pandemic is not only wrong, but borderline criminal. The exact organization who you wish to remove is the same one that will be the ones deploying into our community to help during this time of national crisis!

I would urge you to reconsider tryi.g to force this though when so may residents are just trying to get by.

Sincerely,

Kurt L.

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

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**From:** Jason Walker <smswalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Please reconsider filing resolution 60043, as the strong opposition to it does not have a voice during this time of social distancing and isolation. Your timing is shady and despicable, in the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business!

As a member of Dane County and a proud supporter of the National Guard, I feel it is time to stand behind our citizen soldiers who stand ready to support the community. There are members currently helping or preparing to help battle COVID-19. There are so many other contributions that have been made, and the community, State and Nation will lose a great asset if one of the best units, the 115th Fighter Wing, is closed.

Hundreds of families are supported by the employment and educational benefits the Guard provides. These families live and contribute to the community in which you represent, please don't fail them.

I will be glad when the Air Force's Record of Decision is published, so your efforts to support the uninformed minority will be ended. I also hope the majority, who are your constituents, remember your actions and remove you when your terms end—I know I will remind them.

Respectfully,

Jason Walker

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**From:** Michael Kindschi <kindschim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please pull the resolution concerning the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing from Tuesday's agenda.

Mike Kindschi

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**From:** Bill Barrier <bill\_barrier@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the addition of an item into the council agenda at this last minute to take advantage of the pain and suffering our community is experiencing caused by the world wide pandemic. Such neo-non democratic tactics are not only wrong but exemplary of what a small minority group is using to divide our community during a crises.

“It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,” said Chris Arenz, Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council. “Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process.”

Wisconsin National Guard members recently helped return Wisconsinites who were passengers on the Princess Cruise line, back to their homes. They are also currently deployed as medics at a nursing home in Grafton which was hit hard by COVID-19. As cases continue to increase in our state, the need for these guard members is only going to increase. They could be mobilized in many corners of our state.

“Our national guard members are in the thick of things, trying to help citizens in the state of Wisconsin who have already been infected with the virus and they’re doing everything they can to protect those who haven’t,” said Arenz. “These unsung heroes cannot return to Madison to attend a city council meeting in the middle of a pandemic.”

In addition, while the state fights this health crisis, our local and state economy hangs in the balance.

“It’s unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.”

As a former member of the Wisconsin Air Nat’l Guard who proudly served our nation and community I hope you will defer this discussion item to a later time when we all can continue to participate in this extremely important topic. Please, please don't make this decision in haste especially when we are all fighting this war of an invisible enemy. We need need to join together with one another to unite our resources to win this battle for our community and loved ones. Again, I strongly recommend you remove this topic from your agenda at your next meeting.

Thank you,

Bill Barrier  
Retired 115th Fighter Wing member.

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**From:** Salzwedel, Jack C <JSALZWED@amfam.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.  
**Subject:** Resolution regarding 115th

To: MADISON Alders  
Re: Recent news regarding resolution on 115th

I live on Winnebago St., in the flight pattern of commercial and military air traffic. Despite and because of that, I support the 115th - and the opportunity to house the F35 USAF jets at Truax field. And, I oppose the resolution that will be voted on Tuesday evening.

Please consider the fact that your effort is being brought at a time when most of the people who are affected by it, the men and women of our air national guard fighter wing - are helping our communities deal with the current CONVID-19 health crisis.

please reconsider voting on this resolution Tuesday evening.

Jack Salzwedel

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**From:** Bill Markham <abenterprises365@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please remove the resolution vote from the March 31st meeting. The National Guard is a very important business to have in Madison.

Lets take care of Corona Virus 1st.

Thanks,  
William Markham

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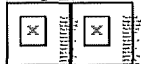
**From:** Mike Higgins <mhiggins@ncsrcc.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:07 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti 115

To all city alders

Please pull the anti 115th fighter wing resolution from Tuesday's agenda. I cannot understand the lack of support for these young men and women who day in and day out put there lives on the line to protect you and all of the residents you represent.

Mike Higgins  
Phone: 608-240-0314 / Cell: 608-598-9225  
Mhiggins@ncsrcc.org

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**From:** Tom Hewitt <hewitt1210@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Fighter jet resolution

Please note as you try to shove this resolution through not all of your constituents are against the jets locating in Madison. I would suggest rethinking the process you are using to pass this during a time of uncertainty, it really looks like you are trying to pass this silently while the rest of us are centered on taking care of ourselves and families. Thanks, I hope you take this note into consideration. Carol Ann Hewitt



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**From:** Carol Parisi <cparisi32@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** March 31st meeting

In honoring the request of governor Evers to stay home during the Covid-19 epidemic, I respectfully request that this be pulled from the agenda for Tuesday March 31, 2020.

*Carol Parisi*

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**From:** Cherri Wiley <aimlesslady@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull the anti F 115's portion off of Tuesdays agenda

To the Alders regarding your Tuesday meeting & your agenda. Remove the sneaked portion regarding the F 115's off of your agenda.

I support the 115th Fighter Wing & the F -35 Mission!

Cherri Wiley  
Deforest, WI

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**From:** Ullis Hekel <uheckel@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** BadgerAir@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda -PULL IT !!

The City of Madison needs to support our country, our citizens, our state, our city, our service men and women and what so many of our Veterans that have fought and died for our Freedom !!

We must all do our part- our Freedom and Safety are worth a little inconvenience !!,

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Subject: Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda



**BADGER AIR**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Please contact Madison Alders Today!!!**

**TO:** Members & Friends of the Badger Air Community Council  
**FR:** Chris "Desi" Arenz, Executive Director of the BACC  
**RE:** **Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115<sup>th</sup> FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda**

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Below please find a statement that was shared by Badger Air Community Council Executive Director Chris Arenz with the media.

We are urging all who support the 115th Fighter Wing, the men of the women who serve in Wisconsin National Guard and their families, to contact the Madison Common Council Alders and tell them to pull this resolution from Tuesday's agenda.

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## **BADGER AIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Contact:** Chris "Desi" Arenz  
Executive Director  
(608) 287-6208  
[badgerair@gmail.com](mailto:badgerair@gmail.com)

### **Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda**

*While the state, country and world focus on the COVID-19 pandemic  
Madison Alders try to act while no one is watching*

MADISON, Wis – As business in Madison and across our entire state has come to a screeching halt, and residents heed the warnings of health officials to stay "safer at home," the Madison City Council is planning to vote on a resolution Tuesday to oppose the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

In a last-minute effort, the agenda item was added to the City Council's agenda on Friday, with the council planning on vote on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM.

"It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis," said Chris Arenz, Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council. "Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process."

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In addition, while the state fights this health crisis, our local and state economy hangs in the balance.

“It’s unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.”

The Badger Air Community Council is urging Madison and Dane County residents, as well as our supporters throughout the state, to contact the Madison City Council and tell them to do the right and honorable thing and pull this resolution from Tuesday’s agenda.

Please email all the Alders at: [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com) and spread awareness throughout your social media channels and social networks.

Sponsors of the resolution are:

- Rebecca Kemble
- Syed Abbas
- Tag Evers
- Grant Foster
- Patrick W. Heck
- Marsha A. Rummel
- Lindsay Lemmer

Thank you for your continued support!

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## Our Ask

**Please contact all of the City of Madison Alders:**

- [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com)

In your message, let them know that you:

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison’s alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an

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**From:** Eric/Gloria <hpangman@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda

Please use some common decency and pull this from Tuesday's agenda. Now is not the time to be shifty while we are all at a huge disadvantage.

Eric Pangmna

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**From:** Aloysius Voelker <bilawicious@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:55 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing

This is appalling that you would sneak this resolution into the agenda during a time of crisis. Especially since these guard members are out assisting with this crisis, you should be ashamed!!!  
Aloysius Voelker,

**From:** Dutch Acres <dutchacres@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:52 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** BadgerAir@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Madison Alders sneak anti-115th fighter wing res.

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## **Scott**

***Dutch Acres***

***Portage, WI***

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**(608) 697-0295 Scott**



**From:** Tim Rogers <trogers393@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** 115th FW Resolution

Madison Alders,

I strongly encourage you to support the 115 Fighter Wing and SUPPORT the F-35s coming to Traux. The economics that the base provides along with the economics from the United States Air Force is essential to Madison, Dane County, our surrounding neighbors as well as the most important the Mission of the 115 Fighter Wing. The Air Force's Core values are Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do-these values were one ingrained into me during Basic Training and we would march right past these values every morning. There is a lot of Integrity at Traux and the Service that is provided to the community is outstanding as well as the Series to this Nation. As a former member of the 115 Fighter Wing and a seventh generation resident of Madison Wisconsin this base is extremely important and needs to be around for years to come. You are putting many jobs at risk with your resolution to oppose these new jets. I always thought that Madison wants jobs and people to come here. The Military has been a huge part of Wisconsin in our Nations History. Much of the funding needed for Dane County Regional Airport comes from the Air Force in regards for Fire Protection and Crash Rescue and Terror Response. Maybe if some of the residents of Madison are concerned about the Jets why doesn't Madison and Dane county look to Milwaukee at Mitchell International in regards to changing the windows and doors of residents houses to help the sound.

With this current outbreak of COVID-19 our Citizen Soldiers and helping our communities as we speak. To try to put this on the agenda during this outbreak is just unprofessional. The people of this State, Nation and World are worried for their health as well they should be. COVID-19 is a much more serious issue than those who don't want the F-35s coming to Madison. The City, County, State and Nation should be more worried about COVID-19 and finding a way to cure this terrible pandemic.

As a kid I grew up on the flight pattern of the F-16s and Loved watching them fly over time and time again. My father would tell me stories of all the jet's that he saw flying in and out of here during his childhood years. I mean Traux field was named after a Wisconsin Native Lieutenant Thomas L. Traux who was killed in a P-40 training accident. Keep his name and the legacy of the United States Air Force and Wisconsin National Guard Alive by supporting the F-35s. The members of the Wisconsin Air National Guard and Army National guard are always willing to answer the call when the State or Nation need them. This also includes the members who are active in all five branches of the United States Armed Force doesn't matter if they're in the Guard, Reserves or Active we always answer that call when we are needed.

So please pull this from your agenda which is on page 33 number 77 60043. I guess I could have just said in one sentence to pull this resolution from your agenda. However, this is something that is important to me, our community and the defense of this Great Nation.

Again, please pull this from your agenda.

Thanks,

Tim

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**From:** Jim Gehrman <jjgehrmann@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Disgusting

The disgusting behavior of the Madison alderman will not be forgotten. The guard is leaned on to fight this virus. But the Madison alderman are using this crisis to advance their anti military stance, SHAME. You are disgusting.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Joan Sergenian <joans@fairwaymc.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th remove from agenda

Please please please, now is not the time to sneak this on to the agenda. Please remove this from the agenda.

- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Joan Sergenian  
608-219-8949  
Joans@fairwaymc.com  
NMLS#270909

**From:** Dorothy Breunig <dmbreunig@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:45 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing.

It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,” said Chris Arenz, Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council. “Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process.”

Discusting. We owe these men and women so much.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**From:** Andrew C. Thompson <andrewt13b@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

It is absolutely unconscionable and disgraceful that, in the middle of a national nightmare which literally the entire nation has been called upon to respond to, you are trying to pass this resolution. Shouldn't your undivided attention be on the this pandemic and what you can do here in Madison?

I'm sure you've considered the lost economic impact turning away the 115th would have. You'd be fools to not have. And I'm sure you realize that a part of the process includes economic help, including grants, for those negatively impacted by the new jets. You'd be fools to not understand how the FAA process actually works. And I'm sure you've considered the men and women of the 115th who selflessly give themselves to this community, responding to any number of domestic problems - be they weather related (the 115th's engineering crew often responds in the wake of severe weather, like they did up north last year), emergency related (oh hey, look who provides fire services at the airport! Oh hey, look who helped respond last year when MG&E's transformers started on fire), or...you know...pandemic related.

Lastly, I'm sure you considered the timing of this resolution verrrrry carefully. At least, I hope you did. Because there's no room for error here - you either planned this to sneak it through while the world is focused on the covid-19 pandemic, or you didn't think about it at all in which case you have your priorities very wrong.

The only reasonable thing you could do is pull this item from this week's agenda, and wait to discuss until the world returns a bit more to normal. Seriously, the Governor has ordered everyone to stay home, which would keep people from showing up for this. And you know how contentious this is, so by trying to pass this resolution right now you're effectively silencing the citizens of this city and removing them from the process. The democratic thing to do would be to delay consideration of this resolution until a time at which the stay-at-home orders have been lifted.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen Andrew

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Kim Richman <imapuckhead@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** All Alders; BadgerAir@gmail.com  
**Subject:** F-35

Alders:

With what is going on in this country, state, and city, in the midst of a public health emergency, I was APPALLED to read that some of you alders are trying to sneak in a resolution Tuesday to oppose the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing **WITHOUT PUBLIC** input.

**The common council should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business.**

At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, you should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades.

While we residents are working to keep our families safe and keep food on the table, some of you are sneaking in resolutions that shouldn't even be discussed at this time.

Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better.

The way in which you are planning this is disturbing, disgusting, and unethical

Kim Richman  
District 16  
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Culley Popma <culley.popma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:32 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Leave the Fighter Wing Alone

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I can't believe in this time of crisis you would try to put this on your agenda. You do know it is the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing and the WI Army National Guard that are leaving their families to help out those in need in the State of WI during this pandemic. The city of Madison and the State absolutely need the 115th Fighter Wing. They support the local EMS and Fighter departments when they are in need. You should be focusing on Public health guidance and not the Fighter Wing. Please do the smart thing and quit being the minority and not oppose the absolute necessity that is the 115th Fighter Wing. Thank you very much for your time,

Culley Popma

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Alan Roberts <billbarilko51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Expressing Strong Support for the 115 the Fighter Wing and Against Any Motions Which Oppose The Wing

Madison Alders:

I am a private citizen who works within 500 feet of the Truax runways. I am writing to express my strong support for the Wing and basing of F-35s there. I have worked at Truax for 10 years. When I interviewed for a job in Madison, I had 4 other offers in other cities. One of the things that put Madison over the top was seeing the fighter wing operating during my interview visit. The exciting balance of commercial operations and military training make Truax a special place to be. I know several of the Wing pilots and their families - of all creeds and backgrounds. They are upstanding community members who add so much to Madison, including volunteerism and community outreach. My colleagues often eat lunch outside just to see and hear jets take off for mid/day training runs, My business hires some of these pilots when they leave the service and see the fighter wing as a good source of talent. Bottom line - the Fighter Wing is a GREAT neighbor and makes Truax a better neighborhood.

If the fighter wing is dissolved by the tantrums of an extremely small group, it will only serve to warn off businesses like mine and others from seeking to invest in a neighborhood so hostile to good neighbors. I trust you as alders will make the right choice to support the fighter wing as an economic engine that makes Madison more special than other cities its size.

Proud to be a Fighter Wing Neighbor,

Alan Roberts  
608/977/0692

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Mary Jo Markham <mjmarkham84@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's agenda

Dear Madison Common Council Alders:

As a supporter of the 115th Fighter Wing, I am writing to request that you pull from Tuesday's agenda the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution.

During our public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Jo Markham

**From:** cootielynych <cootielynych@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders; badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Council meeting

From the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Wisconsin

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Donald J. Lynch  
State Commander  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Wisconsin  
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** Dick And Catherine Murray <greenbush4@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing

Don't you dare pass a resolution condemning the 115th for getting the F-35.

Just because a bunch of low income idiots don't like the noise just think of the money and employment it provides.

Start thinking like proud Americans instead of a bunch of commies

Dick Murray  
Proud American

**From:** Nikki Moore <nikkijo.moore@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday 3/31

Madison Common Council Members

It has been brought to my attention as well as many others, that a vote for a resolution opposing the F-35's will be snuck in on Tuesday. Really? Completely and utterly disrespectful and unconscionable.

Our own community, state, country and world is struggling through a crisis. Our friends, neighbors and family members who serve with the Wisconsin National Guard are putting themselves on the line to serve our community regardless of their support or nonsupport of the F-35 Mission. This action is an extreme show of disrespect to those families that are mobilized and are unable to attend and participate in the democratic process.

YOU of anyone should be following the public health guidelines and focus on ESSENTIAL business. YOU of anyone should be transparent and not acting on hidden agendas.

Our Guardsmen deserve so much more than this and the citizens of Madison deserve the same.

Be honest and pull this.

Nikki Moore

**From:** Williams, Christina <christina\_dre@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Strike this from the Tuesday Agenda March 31

It was brought to my attention there is discussion of withholding aid for improvements to the Airbase in Madison.

Please strike this from the agenda on March 31st, to be addressed at a different time.

At a time when the country is facing a lack of leadership during a pandemic, I as a nurse am seeing numerous shortfalls in support from both the CDC as well as FDA regarding PPEs and medical guidance. Soon ventilators will also fall short in Wisconsin as the hospitals will be overwhelmed and the resources will be exhausted.

We as a medical team we have and will need the support of our airmen and soldiers more than ever. As it stands today multiple support teams would not be available to represent at the meeting to defend their reasoning behind the need for this package. As it should be. I am grateful they CHOOSE to participate-give their support where needed in the field at this time versus behind closed doors.

Take this OFF of the ballot and be ashamed of yourselves as leaders to even have entertained the idea!

Sincerely,

Christina Williams  
715.309.8303

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“It’s unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.”

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** asmicodyem <asmicodyem@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Using the virus as a way to get rid of our national guard planes is nothing but a scam don't let them win

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**From:** Dan Petersen <danpetersen@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Meeting AGenda

I find it bizarre that you found it necessary to insert the topic of the Air National Guard into your agenda. I fully support their presence, now and in the future. Quit wasting your time.

Dan Petersen  
7861 E. Oakbrook Circle  
Madison Wisconsin  
53717

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Michael Sokolowski <mikesoko@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** WI Air National Guard

I understand the Madison city council is still pursuing anti-Air National Guard resolutions that would severely impact the safety and security of WI residents. Especially insane given the current health crisis and how important our military is in supporting our state in an emergency such as this. Without the F-35 mission the 115th Air National Guard will likely end when the F-16s are retired. Opposition to the F-35s is incredibly short-sighted, narrow-minded, and irresponsible. Please reconsider continuing any action against the F-35s and focus instead on real problems at hand.

Thank you,  
Michael Sokolowski  
mikesoko@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dave <kd9iub@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Remove the resolution

Instead of sneaking in a resolution. Let the people decide. Not just a few miss informed individuals like yourselves. Your on the council to represent us not just yourselves.

Dave W  
USAF VETERAN

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ron Hoff <hoffron66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Legislation

In the middle of COVID19 . You sneak in an anti national guard amendment to be voted on. SHAME ON YOU!!! REMINDS ME OF THE KIND OF CRAP DEMS DO IN DC.. G AHEAD ALIGHN YOURSELVES WITH THAT CROWD! Please pull the legislation!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rod Shaughnessy <redleg1@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s

Please don't pass any resolution intended to keep the F-35s from coming to Madison

Regards,

Rod Shaughnessy  
6213 S. Highlands Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Molly C <mollyops@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th

Hello Alders, I hope that you will support the 115th Fighter Wing, my family does.

Thank you,  
Molly Grow

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jerry Hook <jerhook@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Remove resolution from your agenda

Shame on you.

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Jerry  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Chris & Jackie Donaldson <donaldson306@mhtc.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Not right to sneak the anti-115th Wing resolutions on Tuesday's vote

It feels like you are trying to sneak it through while the rest of the world deals with covid-19. The 115th Wing is depending on the F-35's coming to Madison. Please know that we strongly support that 115th wing. Please take the resolution off of the agenda for Tuesday's vote!

Chris, Jackie, Abby, Liz, Kate, Josie, Brigham, and Barrett Donaldson  
Dane County Wisconsin

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



## **BADGER AIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Contact:** Chris "Desi" Arenz

Executive Director

(608) 287-6208

[badgerair@gmail.com](mailto:badgerair@gmail.com)

### **Madison Alders sneak anti-115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda**

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** bconner44 <bconner44@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 Fighter Wing

Please stop messing around with this Wisconsin and US tradition. This group protects the entire central portion of our country. I am proud to say I was a part of it in the 70s. I also lived on the east side growing up and I'm very familiar with the sound as I still am today. This group needs to stay here and protect us.

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Justin <justin.klade@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:20 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 resolution

Please put an end to any further resolutions and attempts to block the F35's from housing at Truax field. It would not only be idiotic but single handily thee dumbest move the city of Madison has made to date, I know the list is long and you have a reputation to keep but please for the love of all STOP with the sneaky games and accept the FACT that the OVERWHELMING majority of Madison and Surrounding Communities welcome the F35's with open arms.

Sincerely,

Justin Klade

**From:** Nick DeMoe <demoen87@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:53 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Vote in Tuesdays Agenda

Dear Alders,

I find it rather disturbing that the city council has placed this in the agenda with everything going on, with the focus on COVID-19. In what appears to be an effort to backdoor the vote; in hopes that those of us who are in support of the F-35 mission coming to Truax Field would be distracted and not paying attention.

Studies have shown that the impact on the community would be minimal. And Truax Field as well as Dane County Reguinal Airport, have been in place much longer than the residential areas around the airport facilities. Commercial airlines make more of a disturbance than the current F-16 outfit, operating out of the base.

My younger brother is an Airman who has served this country since 2008 and in discussions with him he has expressed that it is quite an honor for a guard unit to be selected for the F-35 Mission that our city has been considered for. And that turning down this opportunity will have much larger consequences than what the city council is taking into consideration. Madison should be proud that our unit was selected for this mission, and should be giving it our full support. Voting to block this opportunity would only enforce an image that the City Council could care less about the residents of this city.

The F-16 is an outdated aircraft that is being phased out of the current Air Force. And there likely is not another support role the 115th could take on if the F-35 mission is blocked by the city council. Millions of dollars in revenue will be lost. Service members and their families would be uprooted from our local communities to be relocated for another mission, causing disruptions in many lives. These are impacts that will be felt ten-fold with the recent changes in our community and the losses our economy has experienced. Voting to block this mission would be a decision that would ultimately devastate the City of Madison and its surrounding communities. Blocking this mission is the absolute worst thing the City Council could do to the community at this time. I urge you to think long and hard about this decision before you cast a vote that could have serious repercussions on this community, its economy, and its residents.

Sincerely,  
Nick DeMoe  
Concerned Resident

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Paul <paul@navan.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:30 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Resolution

I find it ironic that a small number of outspoken individuals are attempting to compel Madison City Alders to vote against the future of an organization whose members are currently mobilizing to help protect them. As you read this, 115th Fighter Wing Airmen who have been called to state active duty, staff the Joint Operations Center in direct support of emergency management and the Governor of Wisconsin. Their extraordinary team of medical professionals are preparing to stand up specimen collection locations and staff self-isolation facilities in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Their firefighters and paramedics protect the lives of every passenger flying in or out of Dane County Regional Airport. And yes, their pilots and maintainers continue to defend against threats to our citizens and infrastructure 24/7 with their Air Control Alert mission.

I appreciate trepidation over increased noise, but as someone who has actually witnessed F-35 aircraft arriving and departing Dane County Regional Airport, find the level of concern unnecessarily inflated. And having attended several F-35 related community gatherings, find it unfortunate that those who simply fear increased noise are entangled with others fixed on spouting anti-military rhetoric.

Since 1942 Truax Field has been an integral part of the city of Madison. Today, more than 1200 115th Fighter Wing members live, work, and recreate here in Madison, and in communities throughout the state of Wisconsin. They contribute to our economy, to our workforce, and to the health and welfare of our citizens in times of trouble.

I am deeply saddened that their futures and livelihoods are being threatened by those attempting to manipulate our City Council members. I urge each of you to eliminate the resolution opposing the F-35, and casting uncertainty on the future of the 115th Fighter Wing.

Sincerely,

Paul Gorman  
Vice President  
Ridgewood Village Homeowner Association

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mark <markwerla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:43 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I support F-35 basing in Madison!

PLEASE do the right and honorable thing and pull this resolution from Tuesday's agenda.

I have lived near the airport for the past 20 years and Welcome the F-35s. I feel that it is an honor to have them in Madison.

Thank you,  
Mark Werla

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** loribill nolley <loribill@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:25 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Are you truly representing your constituents? I believe it has been shown on several occasions that

the majority of Madison is in favor of the F-35's. Also, what a sneaky, low life thing to do!

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jon Kalberer <jonkalberer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:28 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Improper agenda item

Alders,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the added agenda item for Tuesday's meeting. Attempting to pass an Anti F-35 Resolution during a State and National Emergency demonstrates your misplaced priorities. Due to the statewide "Safer at Home" declaration by Gov Evers, supporters of the F-35 will be unable to attend and have their voices heard.

Adding this agenda item communicates the following points to your constituents:

- You do not appreciate the continued contributions from the 115th Fighter Wing
- You do not want differing viewpoints on this agenda
- You do not respect the contributions of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies
- You do not want diversity in your neighborhoods (military members add diversity!)
- You do not understand the economic contributions of the 115th Fighter Wing
- You do not understand the tenuous nature of the 115th Fighter Wing if they do not receive newer aircraft

All of these points can be reversed if you remove or delay the Anti F-35 resolution. In times like these, we need to be sure our Alders respect all viewpoints on subjects. You say diversity of thought is important...Now is your chance to put your words into action.

Sincerely,

Jon Kalberer

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Tana Fauske <tanafauske@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:57 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35's

Regarding your agenda for the upcoming meeting:

Shame on the council for putting the F-35's on the agenda to prevent this plane from coming to Dane County. Many of us in Wisconsin have family members/friends who serve in the military. Wisconsinites are proud of our National Guard.

This is a slap in the face to all who serve in the National Guard, especially during the current crisis everyone is going through. Please consider what this would mean to families who are employed there, and the financial loss to the county of Dane.

This needs to be in every newspaper all over the country.

Tana Fauske  
Janesville, Wi

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** DAVID RITSCHKE <ritschedavid339@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:03 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

UNBELIEVABLE, THE ONLY REASON YOU HAVE A LIFE YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW AND ARE NOT UNDER THE RULE OF OF A DICTATOR IS BECAUSE OF OUR NATION'S MILITARY! MANY PEOPLE OF SACRIFICED THERE LIVES AND SOME OF YOU WORRY ABOUT NOISE! SHAME ON YOU! THAT IS THE SOUND OF FREEDOM YOU HEAR! WAKE THE HELL UP! SUPPORT THE FINE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 115TH! Signed RETIRED SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DAVID RITSCHKE LIVING IN OREGON WI! BRING ON THE NOISE BABY! I WELCOME IT !!!! I WAS AROUND IT MY WHOLE LIFE!

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rickey, Al  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:33 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Fw: Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda

As I recall the Republicans acted in a similar fashion in regards to Act 10. How can City Leadership ask it's citizens to stay at home during the Covid 19 pandemic and then put this on the Common Council Agenda? Seems that political forces may be taking advantage of a pandemic?

There a cynical saying something to the effect "that there is always an opportunity to be taken during a crisis."

Al Rickey  
North Madison

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Begin forwarded message:

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, 5:23 PM, Allen Rickey <arickey@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Fyi

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Please contact Madison Alders Today!!!**

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**TO:** Members & Friends of the Badger Air Community Council  
**FR:** Chris "Desi" Arenz, Executive Director of the BACC  
**RE:** Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115<sup>th</sup> FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda

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Below please find a statement that was shared by Badger Air Community Council Executive Director Chris Arenz with the media.

We are urging all who support the 115th Fighter Wing, the men of the women who serve in Wisconsin National Guard and their families, to contact the Madison Common Council Alders and tell them to pull this resolution from Tuesday's agenda.

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**BADGER AIR**  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Contact:** Chris "Desi" Arenz  
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"It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis," said Chris Arenz, Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council. "Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the

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“Our national guard members are in the thick of things, trying to help citizens in the state of Wisconsin who have already been infected with the virus and they’re doing everything they can to protect those who haven’t,” said Arenz. “These unsung heroes cannot return to Madison to attend a city council meeting in the middle of a pandemic.”

In addition, while the state fights this health crisis, our local and state economy hangs in the balance.

“It’s unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.”

The Badger Air Community Council is urging Madison and Dane County residents, as well as our supporters throughout the state, to contact the Madison City Council and tell them to do the right and honorable thing and pull this resolution from Tuesday’s agenda.

Please email all the Alders at: [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com) and spread awareness throughout your social media channels and social networks.

Sponsors of the resolution are:

- Rebecca Kemble
- Syed Abbas
- Tag Evers
- Grant Foster
- Patrick W. Heck
- Marsha A. Rummel
- Lindsay Lemmer

Thank you for your continued support!

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**Our Ask**

**Please contact all of the City of Madison Alders:**

**From:** Lawrence Kreul <lawrencekreul@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** MAKING A BIG MISTAKE

Please pull resolution on 115 F..W

This unit is the back bone of community .

If you succeed on stopping the transition of this unit they will move.

you will loose .

a lot of money that is used for improvements at the airport come from federal money

most all the Guardsmen spend their money at places around Madison

that will end

you think it is rough here now with stores locked down because of the crisis you have on your hands

People will be moving to where they move the base

think about that not as much Federal Money for Airport improvements

IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT YOU WOULD TRY TO SNEAK THAT IN  
REMOVE THAT FROM THE RESOLUTION PLEASE

Remember the election is this year some of you could be voted out..

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Alan Ausel <alanausel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:11 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution to oppose the F-35

Your resolution to oppose the the continued stay of the 115th Fighter Squadron is sheer idiocy. Please pull this elitist self serving resolution off the table. Also, the use of underhanded republican style tactics does not shine a positive light on you. Thanks.

Alan R Ausel

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Sandy McNamee <sandyjoemcnamee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's Resoltion

Please PULL/STOP the resolution opposing the 115th Fighter Wing.  
I believe they have greatly contributed to our community & will continue to do so.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ronald Nelson <ronsstreetrods@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please remove the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution from your Tuesday meeting agenda ..  
How can you thing think about sneaking and item like this through when the public can not be present to  
fight for their wishes ----are you prepared to have hundreds or thousands of people break their isolation and  
come out to fight for their cause ?

Thanks  
Ronald E. Nelson

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Robert Kovach <kovach\_robert@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Resolution on Tuesday's agenda

I am a civilian employee at Truax field and I find this sudden addition of an Anti-F35 resolution being added to the agenda while those who would be interested in testifying in the matter are ordered to shelter in place, to be unbecoming of esteemed elected officials.

It's inappropriate to move forward with this controversial resolution during the Coronavirus crisis while you alders should be working on a plan to keep voters safe while they exercise their right to vote.

Get your priorities straight. Take the resolution off the agenda.

-Rob Kovach  
Truax ANG civilian employee  
608-445-6816

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**From:** Ben Suehring <talk3x@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Resolution

Good morning,

As a member of the great state of Wisconsin, I am appalled that you would consider removing a government funded operation and jobs from our state. I ask that you remove this resolution from your agenda. Not only do the members of the base benefit from the fighter jets, we as a state benefit from the protection they bring. There is also significant benefit to the Madison airport in its continued funding. Have you considered the amount of revenue local businesses receive from members of the base? This revenue is then taxed and is added to you budget. Please remove this resolution from your agenda.

Thank you and have a great day,

Ben Suehring

**From:** joni <joni430@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I respectfully request the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution to be removed from the agenda this Tuesday March 31.

**I respectfully request the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution to be removed from the agenda this Tuesday March 31.**

The WI National Guard members are helping those severely affected by COVID-19. From helping to rescue Wisconsinites from contaminated cruise ships to nursing homes, these service members consistently answer the call to those in need around Madison, Wisconsin, the U.S. and World but do not ask for recognition.

I am shocked this resolution is on the agenda. As Chris Arenz stated, "It's unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community."

This is not the way to say "Thank you" to the WI Air Guard service men and women for all they do for our immediate community and the broader community during this global crisis and every single day they go to work!

Please truly research what these men and women do for Madison, WI, the U.S. and world before you force them all to leave. Please do not fool yourself, if there are no jets at Truax the base will close. All these service members and their families will leave our community. What a shame to lose an entire community of people who live their lives based on integrity and service to our country.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joni Messner

**From:** Robby Bobby <robkeisjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

City Alders. Related to the resolution sponsored by:

- Rebecca Kemble
- Syed Abbas
- Tag Evers
- Grant Foster
- Patrick W. Heck
- Marsha A. Rummel
- Lindsay Lemmer

Designed to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing...

Now is not the time. As someone who has spent 8 years on Active Duty in the US Air Force, who's father served for 23 years on Active Duty, who's brother in law is currently on Active Duty, it seems the summary of this resolution is based on conjecture and fear. My sister and I grew up around Air Force bases, in the U.S. and overseas, my nieces, have grown up around Air Force Bases. I was on the base or near the base in every instance, the experience and leadership provided pushed me to be who I am. My father enlisted in the Air Force in 1975, got a bachelors degree, finished law school and became an attorney while in the Air Force. I received three associates degrees, a bachelors and was driven to finish my Masters degree, after I left the Air Force. The Air Force provided that opportunity, I did it all while living on or near an Air Force base. Without it, I would very likely be living and working in a depressed rural, non-diverse, environment. The idea that the National Guard, and F-35's will impact low income families is offensive. The jobs, role models, opportunity for anyone is tremendous.

The skills taught, training provided and opportunities for guardsman, the very citizens of the City and the State, are endless. The skills provided are in demand by businesses, and volunteer organizations. They are available to anyone, regardless of race, orientation or socioeconomic status. My sons are African-American, I only hope the opportunities provided by having F-35's in Madison exists when it is time for them to consider career paths. It's one of the many options that should be available to them.

Now is not the time. During a global pandemic, we need to be focused on supporting our community. Our community is being supported by Guardsman, the services provided by bringing F-35's will expand and secure these capabilities for decades. The people serving in the Guard, deserve our support, having F-35's in our City will only improve our quality of life, opportunities available to every citizen, and improve our economy.

I look forward to the sound of freedom, across the skies in the Madison area. Please do the right thing, support the 115th fighter wing and the F-35's.

Rob Keis

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Lisa Cook <Szenuff@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** pull resolution

Please pull the resolution for the 115th Fighter Wing off the agenda for your meeting Tuesday!!

To have this item on the agenda while our service members are out serving the community during this pandemic is not right!

Proud parent of a 115th fighter wing member

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Parker's email <parker281@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Hello,

I am writing as a mother, wife, and in law of airmen of the 115th Fighter wing who depend on it for their careers and futures. It is unimaginable to me that people can put their own agenda in front of the greater good of the community, state, and quite frankly, the country. The 115th has been a base that has strived to be the best they can be and worked extremely hard to achieve everything they have. The airmen and their families have made a lot of sacrifices to keep the people who are opposing them safe. If the Madison Alders truly care about the people around them, not only themselves, they would consider the impact of what it would truly mean to close the 115th. The impact would be catastrophic to many and would be remembered as one of the worst decisions ever made the politicians in Madison, WI.

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** TDS email <bcolby@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday agenda

Dear Alders,

Please remove the  
Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution from Tuesday's Agenda.

In the midst of a public health emergency, Your focus should be on essential business. At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, you should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades.

Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Brian Colby

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Janet Alfonso <alfonso\_janet@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Vote

During this time of crisis during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic this is not the appropriate time to vote on the 115th Wing issue. We need to focus on our public health and safety. Many are unable to come to the council meeting to express their opinions because they are deployed and assisting people in need at this time.

I am in total support of the 115th Fighter Wing due to the uncertain economy. This project will add many of the needed jobs in our area. Test runs were done and no one even noticed any appreciable increase in noise levels. We should be focusing on the health and welfare of our people at this time and vote when our state and country has returned to normal.

Thank you,  
Janet Alfonso  
6402 Sharpsburg Dr.  
Madison, WI  
53718

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** davidwglasgow <davidwglasgow@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 resolution

This resolution must be pulled from the 3/31 city council meeting.

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** bill stacy <rofstacy1@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Together Truax  
**Subject:** CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**I have been a Madison resident for over fifty years and have resided on the northside most of that time. While "Nimbyism" often does present some valid points, I feel it can be overdone - especially in our current situation with the proposed beddown of the F-35's at Truax. The "Not In My Backyard" proponents in Madison were largely silent for decades when Truax was home base for several different models of military jets. Now they and others have been fueled by misinformation and suppositions regarding the F-35.**

**Our 115th Fighter Wing is a highly regarded part of our Air National Guard and its members perform a valuable and vital job in protecting our national defense. Clearly the Air Force considers Madison as their number one choice for F-35 beddown for that reason among others. The proximity of Volk Field and the Milwaukee air refueling wing are other compelling reasons for rating us number one !**

**At this time of national emergency in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I urge you to drop this resolution from your agenda and deal with matters which better serve your constituents.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**William Stacy  
1202 Iowa Drive  
Madison, WI 53704**

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** William Wilcox <bbwilcox@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** March 31 Meeting Agenda

I see that this weeks March 31 meeting done virtually has the added topic regarding the continued discussion on the proposed fighter wing at Truax. It seems that this hot button topic, should be deferred until a meeting can be held again until people representing both sides can be physically present. As community leaders, this decision will affect Madison and Dane county for the next generation and possibly two of them, so please hold the discussion to when voices can be heard live. I also think it's a mistake for the state to still plan for our election to continue on next week as well, but that's another matter to take to state leaders.

Sincerely, William Wilcox

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** UW Alumni <mike.gall@uwalumni.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution F-35's

I am against this proposed resolution and I am against the timing of the review of this proposed resolution during the COVID-19 crisis.

If the Council passes the proposed resolution, the Council would be officially making it known to the public that it "opposes the selection of Truax Field in Madison, WI as a preferred location" and asks the Air Force to not base the military jets at the 115th Wisconsin Air National Guard's base at Truax Field," according to the resolution.

I work in the city of Madison and am a Dane County resident who understands the importance of this ANG base at Truax Field.

Mike Gall  
608-444-1715

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Gregg & Deb Miller <gedkmiller@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s at Truax

Dear City of Madison Alders, I can't tell you how much of a bad decision it is to pass any resolutions NOT supporting the F-35s to Truax Field. The Air National Guard has a long and positive history here, and most of those in opposition are presenting pretty ludicrous reasons for that opposition. The airport and commercial air traffic have been there for many years. The noise from that commercial traffic has been there for years, and is much more prevalent than the noise from any military aircraft. We are all safer and better served by the Air National Guard presence at Truax Field! Gregg Miller, Verona(formerly city of Madison).

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jonathan Groessl <jgroessl@carneythorpe.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Alders, do the right and honorable thing and pull this resolution from Tuesday's agenda.

In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business. At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades. While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision.

Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better!

Thank you,  
Jonathan W. Groessl | Carney Thorpe, LLC | 608-754-1700 | Cell 608-751-6500

Sponsors of the resolution are:

Rebecca Kemble  
Syed Abbas  
Tag Evers  
Grant Foster  
Patrick W. Heck  
Marsha A. Rummel  
Lindsay Lemmer

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**From:** William Lee <wrlsal@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Madison City Council meeting - March 31

Alders,

I am totally frustrated and disappointed that the Madison City Council had the total lack of sound judgement to schedule a vote on the 115th Fighter Wing Resolution when the citizens of Madison and the entire state of Wisconsin are in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis.

How can the City Council schedule this sensitive issue when our government leaders issue "safer at home" guidelines? In addition to distancing guidelines, many of the Wisconsin National Guard members are deployed responding to COVID-19 safety issues. Additional mobilization of Guard members is foreseen in the near future. Scheduling the Fighter Wing Resolution on the agenda for the City Council on a night when affected people are not able to attend is clearly poor health care management along with restricting equal participating in the fair democratic process.

If I were not in-home quarantined, I would attend the City Council meeting on March 31. But I will not compromise my health to comply with an extremely poor decision to schedule an important issue at a time when the city and state are in crisis mode.

Please re-think your scheduling decision.

Bill Lee

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Rob <rkoenig923@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Transparency

Dear Alders:

In a time when politicians are praising transparency I find it very discouraging that a few Madison Alders are planning just the opposite. While your constituents are consumed with the Corona Virus pandemic, worried about their incomes and the health of their families, some Alders (Rebecca Kemble, Syed Abbas, Tag Evers, Grant Foster, Patrick W. Heck, Marsha A. Rummel and Lindsay Lemmer) are planning to quietly introduce a resolution to subvert the continuance of 70 plus years of tradition with the Wisconsin Air National Guard. In these modern times relevance is important and for the WI ANG to remain relevant and a major contributor to Madison's economy, it needs the cutting edge F-35A. This will ensure that the base doesn't end up on the list of drawdowns during future budget cuts. Apparently these Alders considering this resolution are uninformed and have no idea of the significance of the economic impact to the local economy. It will be on their hands when they have to come up with funding for a dedicated fire/rescue department for the airport. It will be on their hands when hundreds of people lose their jobs and surrounding businesses lose the revenue from the base. Make no mistake the alternatives are not good if the WI ANG doesn't get the F-35A. The idea that they will just do something else is wishful thinking based on unsubstantiated rumors.

I urge the Madison Alders to keep an eye on the ball. The ball now is COVID-19. What is your emergency plan when our hospitals are overrun with local residents fighting for their lives? You should have your heads so deep in that for the next 3 months that you can barely see anything else. Show us some leadership, not back door politics. We are watching closely.

Robin Koenig

Sent from my iPhone X

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** MSNSMITH@charter.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] f-35

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Bruce Smith  
**Address:** 5421 herro Lane, madison, wi 53716  
**Phone:** 608-221-4034  
**Email:** MSNSMITH@CHARTER.NET

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

Respectfully request the resolution be dropped regarding the F-35 to Madison during the tuesday meeting.

I also want to add my name to the list of people who want the the F-35 mission here in madison



**From:** Kellie Kalberer <kelliekalberer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Agenda Item

Alders,

I am writing to let you know that I do NOT support the resolution that opposes F-35s at Truax Field and I do NOT support the last minute addition of the resolution to the agenda.

The men and women of the 115th are on the FRONT LINES of fighting an invisible enemy right now. They are helping transport sick patients and protect others from getting sick. They are maintaining the Alert mission and are ready to activate on a state and federal level as needed. They can't attend your meeting, and you should not be looking to eliminate their jobs while they are working hard to protect you and your loved ones. The economic impact of losing the 115th is even greater in today's climate.

Also, this is a federal decision - not yours. As Alders, you should be looking for ways to bring communities together instead of putting up resolutions that create divisiveness. A resolution will only make you appear to be taking sides, and driving a wedge in the communities you serve.

Do the right thing and remove this resolution from the agenda. And if it does go to a vote, do not support it. Be that Alder who seeks solutions and bringing people together instead of creating divides.

Kellie Kalberer

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Approved Agenda March 31, 2020 Common Council Meeting

All Alders Madison Common Council:

In reference to Item #77 Pg. 33, Approved Agenda for March 31, 2020 Common council Meeting, Resolution 60043: Please move to delay further action on this resolution until full public comment from all sides, pro and con, of the entire community may be heard on the issue. Without stating an opinion about it I'm asking you to realize the subject does not belong with others on the agenda. This is not about supporting "Earth Day", zoning revision or awarding contracts. It is of high concern for the entire City and deserves a fair, accessible and public hearing so all sides can have a chance to be heard and go away with the satisfaction that they were heard. Give us a chance to look forward to happier times when we may interact in a normal Community way. Thank you for your consideration.

William Larsen. 109 Belmont RD.

Madison WI

**From:** Henry L.Gleason <hlgleason27@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Sneaky Resolution opposing the 115th Fighter Wing.

“It is unconscionable that the Madison Common Council would sneak this onto the agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis. Those of you supporting this underhanded attempt should be a shamed of yourselves!!! “Our friends, neighbors and coworkers who serve as Airmen and soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are literally putting their lives on the line to serve our community during this health emergency. This is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process.”

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“It’s unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.

As elected members of the Common Council, you all should be supporting the 115 Fighter- Wing and it's financial contribution to the City of Madison and Dane County rather than a hand full of whiners.

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H.L.Gleason  
614 Masonic Boulevard  
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549

*"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?"*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Terry Long <terrylong410@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Subject: Agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020

I believe that what you are trying to do by sneaking this into your agenda is terrible, tragic and self centered. The world is in turmoil and so much pain and suffering happening and yet you are using this time to put before the council a very important issue for the City of Madison, the people of the community and the State of Wisconsin. The small mindedness of your own interests above the wishes, future growth, safety and security of your community and the state itself is deplorable. Friends, neighbors or coworkers who are serving the Wisconsin National Guard have served our area well and without regard to their own interests or safety to keep us secure. Some are going another step further during the pandemic to help with this health crisis, putting themselves at even more risk. In doing so, they may be in other parts of the country or here and unable to be at your meeting to express their feelings on this subject which of critical importance. I hope you rethink putting this on your agenda until a later date and allow more of your constituents to attend when our country is in a more stable healthy state.

Thank you,

Terry Long  
Concerned citizen

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Bill Theisen <billthe1@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's resolution opposing F-35 basings

Hello,

As a 30 year retired member of the 115th FW and a lifelong Madison East sider, I am writing to show my support for the F-35 basing at Truax. It has been my experience that the men and women of the 115th are the most dedicated, experienced and accomplished members of the Air Guard and deserve to have the F-35 assigned here. I believe that the benefits of basing the planes here far offset the issues raised by the opposition and further believe that the majority of Madisonians support this basing.

Consequently, I wish to express my opposition to the Tuesday Madison City Council resolution that opposes basing of the F-35s in Madison and look for resolution reject.

Regards

William Theisen  
1529 Twilight Trail  
Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Lee Remus <lremus@ameritech.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

As a former member of the WI Air National Guard, I strongly support the fighter wing at Truax. My guess is - not one member of the council served in the armed forces. If you don't like the military, please stick to City business and not military business. There were no complaints when the F-86, F-89 and the F-102's were stationed at Truax. Why the complaints n ow?

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Thee Cable <andrewjcolin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Political Moves

Hi there. My dad is a Crew Chief at the 115th. He raised me as a single dad. He buried his father in his early 30's. Then he put himself through college and boot camp while raising me at the time, just a teenager. He now runs teams of people impacting all of their lives for the better. I cannot tell you the number of people that I meet who have been affected by him just being around. How many lives hes changed. My dad GIVES and GIVES. Never asks for anything. Although it's obvious that none of you have any of this base, or the people on it in your lives and dont understand anything about it, you're choosing to...CHOOSING to alter thousands of lives and brutally damage the local economy. One of those people would be my father. I, personally, don't have much in this world but, I have him. If you CHOOSE to mess with the future that he has had to carve from stone with a dull spoon. You will be making a horrible mistake. I will not ask you to reconsider. The people who support this havent even taken the time do the research so why would I expect you to listen to me? Hell, you probably wont even read this. I hope you do. Careers, lives, depend on you not being a horrible person today.  
Good luck.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jeremy Bluhm <jeremy.bluhm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing and F-35s

Dear Alders,

It has been brought to my attention that you have added to the agenda of your upcoming council meeting to vote on a resolution opposing the basing of F-35s at Truax Field Air National Guard Base in Madison. I ask that you remove this item from the agenda, and table it until which time representatives from both sides can attend a meeting. Adding a topic such as this, which has evoked many passions, at a time when people are under mandate to stay safer at home is irresponsible to all the people of Madison.

The decision to bring this resolution to vote while men and women of the Wisconsin National Guard, including those of the 115th Fighter Wing, are serving our state, putting their health and life on the line to aid in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 and keep the residents of Madison, Dane County, and the state of Wisconsin safe shows your misunderstanding of, and (what looks to me) contempt for, all that the National Guard does for us locally and statewide.

I am a 20+ year resident of the City of Madison, and I am for the 115th FW and want to see the F-35s bed down at Truax Field ANGB. I believe it is the right thing to do to secure the long term safety of the residents of the greater Madison area and Wisconsin as a whole, as the 115th FW serves the entire state. The men and women of the 115th contribute greatly to the Madison area in many realms outside of being Guardsmen and women and are our friends and neighbors. Please recognize the greater good of having the F-35 based in Madison, the benefits of having a viable, long term Air National Guard Base in Madison, and the thousands of peoples lives who would be adversely affected if the F-35s did not come to the 115th Fighter Wing.

For now, I request at a minimum the resolution should be tabled until regular in-person council meetings can occur.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Bluhm



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**From:** Ron Wenger <ronalddwenger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing

We support the 115th Fighter wing and all they do for us locally and nationally and we support bringing the F 35's here.

Ron and Judy Wenger

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**From:** Pam Sam <psam6@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the resolutions:

I am appalled that this group would present opposition to the 115th Fighter Wing after all they do and have done for this community. With the COVID-19 CRISIS looming over us, you like all liberals present your agendas thinking we wouldn't notice. WRONG!!! Please pull this from your City Council Agenda. These hard working men and women are putting themselves in harms way working with the Virus, more than I can say for this group of people. Evers order a Safer at Home and you are putting your pet agendas ahead of everything else. The F35's are a needed part of our protection against our enemies, and these soldiers are a vital part of our lives and safety.

For God's sake pull this agenda off the dockets. I think it is selfish of you to think of what you want instead of what is for the better of the people.

Pam Sam

Madison WI 53718

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**From:** Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard

March 29, 2020

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

I am a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA). I have been a member of the Madison community for over 25 years. As a taxpayer in the community, I am very upset that many of you, during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, are trying to destroy an organization that has been an important part of our community for over 70 years. I want to remind you, in times of State and National contingencies, the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing, of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, are called upon to support our community, our State, and our Nation.

The 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard is a good neighbor, and whatever lies, and half-truths may have been stated, from opponents of Truax, and future basing of the F-35 in Madison, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are special citizens who care deeply about our community. The Wisconsin Air National Guard at Truax, its men and women have been part of Madison, and serving our State, since 1948.

The Air National Guard base at Truax is a complete micro-community, of approximately 1,200 employees, both military and civilian, in many career fields, besides pilots. The 115 Fighter Wing employs doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, lawyers, accountants, civil engineers, IT technicians, fire fighters, police, logisticians, vehicle mechanics, cooks, aircraft mechanics, avionics technicians, command and control technicians, public relations specialists, air traffic control specialists, and many other highly trained citizens. Many members of the 115 Fighter Wing are attending college, thanks to outstanding educational benefits—right here in Madison, at the University of Wisconsin.

In the event of natural disasters and national emergencies, members of the 115 Fighter Wing have been called upon to protect us, and provide needed services. Many members of the 115 Fighter Wing have already been called to active duty, to provide needed services in the State of Wisconsin, to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Many other examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has directly served the community can be sighted. On September 11, 2001, many members of the 115 Fighter Wing were called to active duty, after our nation was attacked. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat in a commercial airliner, over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wings supports Madison, the State of Wisconsin, and our Nation, can be sited.

It is important for all of you to remember that the fire department at DCRA is fully funded by the USAF. The fire department at DCRA is an Air Force requirement for the F-16, and, the fire and rescue services provided by the USAF are also required by FAA regulation, the for large commercial aircraft that serve DCRA. If we lose the future basing for the F-35, the aging F-16C currently based at Truax, will eventually be phased out. When the F-16 is gone, DCRA will lose the USAF-funded fire department, which will have to be replaced and staffed by Dane County, increasing our tax burden.

Basing of the F-35 in Madison will ensure that the 115 Fighter Wing, a major Madison employer, providing excellent wages, benefits, educational opportunities, and retirements, will be around for decades to come. If the 115 Fighter Wing does not secure basing of the F-35, the F-16 will eventually age out, and will not be replaced. As often happens at Air Guard bases without a flying mission, Truax will be closed, and a great employer, and economic engine for our community will be permanently lost.

In the past 20 years, the City of Madison has lost a number of major employers, and the tax base that goes with it. Many of those companies have relocated outside of Madison. Middleton, for example, is now home to a number of companies that used to be based in Madison. Please do not lose another major Madison employer, especially one that provides excellent wages, benefits, educational opportunities, and retirements.

Regarding noise, the Federal Aviation Administration can be called upon to help with noise mitigation, if needed. The 115 Fighter Wing is also concerned about noise, and it does what it can to mitigate it as much as possible. The vast majority of flights for the F-16 takeoff on Runway 36, to the north, and land on Runway 18, to the south, to mitigate noise. That procedure will continue with the F-35. From my own experience, living close to DCRA, the airlines, including FedEx late at night, actually generate more noise, over a longer period of time, than the F-16s ever have. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are

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**From:** Jan Hartwig <janquilts1961@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:03 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

I urge you to NOT vote on this resolution this coming week. You should be concentrating on Covic-19 and your constituents health, NOT trying to sneak in something that does not represent the majority of the people!

Thank you,  
Jan Hartwig

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"Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain."

**From:** Judy Siegert <jsiegert08@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda

Alders of the city of Madison:

We have read the proposed resolution regarding the F-35's and find it appalling that the Council would take up a resolution of this nature during the crisis we're in.

The Guard has been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19 to help keep families safe. While they are putting their health at risk, the city is considering passing a resolution that could ultimately have an adverse affect on the future of our dedicated members of the Guard and their families. Our Guardsmen and the city of Madison deserve better!

If this resolution remains on the agenda, you must vote no!!

Marv and Judy Siegert

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** drmilus <drmilus@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th FW

Remove the vote on the deployment of F-35s from Tuesday night's agenda.

The vote on this during the Corona virus pandemic is unconscionable.

Douglas L Milus

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

**From:** Chris Arenz <chrisarenz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Remove F-35 Opposition Resolution from March 31 Meeting

Madison Alders,

It pains me to see the Madison Common Council engage in subversive political tactics quickly introducing a resolution opposing the F-35 and 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing while the citizens of Madison are completely consumed with keeping their families safe and their jobs intact. What happened to the transparent process whereby Madisonians can have their voices heard in such heavy decisions?

I ask that you delay vote on this resolution and **remove it from the March 31 agenda** until such time that our citizens are able to engage with the Council and weigh in with their points of view. Now, in such dire times, is not the appropriate moment to move forward on this issue.

Very respectfully,

Chris Arenz, District 1

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**From:** Jewell Nelson <jewellnelsonrn@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Please re- consider allowing resolution of vote on Jet Fighter placement at up coming council. I believe all conversations regarding these decisions should all be open and not hidden from the residents of this city.

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** John Rolfsmeyer <j.rolfsmeyer@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Do not chase away the National Guard 115 fighter wing!

Madison Alders,

Please do not chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community in the National Guard 115 fighter wing!

John and Nancy Rolfsmeyer

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**From:** Pamela Prestegard <swimmom@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti - 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

It is hard to believe the alders of this city, supposedly thoughtful and educated people, are so short-sighted as to think Madison would be better off without the presence and services of this Wisconsin National Guard 115th Fighter Wing. The presence of the F-35s, to the extent such presence is an integral and necessary part of the future of this National Guard Fighter Wing, would be a greater benefit to Madison than a detriment.

No benefit is a 100% unadulterated benefit. You identify problems and work toward solving them while keeping in mind the greater and longer-term benefits. The instant-gratification, "me-me-me" demands of the noisiest political voices in our community should be identified as being just that. The possible (not proven or actually realized) adverse impacts on a small segment of the community, while not desirable IF they materialize, could be ameliorated. As alders, your job is to serve the greatest good to the community as a whole, no matter the political winds. That's what you signed up for! Do your real jobs! Shame on you for trying to sneak in this resolution without any publicity or debate.

Pull that resolution!

Pamela Prestegard  
9th Ward

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Brian Wyman <brianawyman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** National Gaurd Activated

In these hard times, as people are attempting to work together to get through this pandemic, you continue to lack leadership. You should be supporting the military as they are exposing themselves every day to COVID-19 to protect you, the very people who are vocally against them. Shame.

Focus on the pandemic and the economy, not killing jobs and trashing our service men and women.

Brian. An F-35 supporter.

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**From:** Mike Moore <Mike.Moore@m3ins.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution 60043

Greetings,

I am writing in opposition to Resolution 60043, which opposes the F-35 bed down at Truax Field.

I find it appalling that this body would take up a moment of time on the issue of aircraft flying out of Truax Field during a time of national crisis. Our community and our country scrambles at this time to fight off a pandemic which is currently killing our citizens. Yet the council feels compelled to take time to continue to debate the topic of the F-35, rather than work to prepare our community for the social and economic impacts of COVID-19. It is shameful that a few members of the council have chosen to take up ranks with anti-military groups that are clearly the minority in our community. These views are ill informed and dangerous, as are many of the people who espouse to be experts on the subject of military aircraft.

In my previous interactions with some of these members, they have given me no evidence to support their decisions other than newspaper and magazine articles that they have read. To my knowledge, none of these members that bring resolution 60043 to the floor for a vote have any additional official documentation that would support the council to take a position against the basing of the F-35. The Final EIS is the only official document which exists, and the Air Force and Air National Guard are the only institutions that are fully qualified to provide factual feedback on the actual impact that the F-35 will have on the Madison community. The fact is that the final EIS is a worst case scenario document produced for the air force by an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party, and is written as such to provide a limit of discourse around what the potential could be, not what it actually will be. The 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and the Air Force has spent a tremendous amount of time and effort to clarify this document and debunk the untruths that are being spread by groups opposed to a military presence in Madison.

I am outraged that the council would be seemingly using a time of national emergency to put a resolution on the table concerning the future of over 1,200 members of the 115<sup>th</sup> fighter wing and their families while over 300 members of our national guard are deployed helping support the fight against COVID-19. All through this debate, people have discussed the impacts of the fighter wing and even the location of the Dane County Regional Airport with only one group of people in mind. What about those 1,200 airmen that are stationed at Truax in either a full time or part time status? What happens to their quality of life and that of their families should Truax close for lack of a mission? Where should we then look for help during times of need like the men and women of the 115<sup>th</sup> have provided this state and country for over 70 years? When will the council take up their issues of being out of a job? When will the council take up the issue of the void that would be left should Truax close? Most likely you won't, because these men and women will be quietly going about trying to find new jobs, pay for school, or relocated to find another position in another state. They will go about this work like they do every day at the 115<sup>th</sup>, without fanfare, without recognition or gratitude from this council. They won't wave signs, they won't chant anti-American slogans, they won't spread false and dangerous information to the public in order to intimidate others, they will simply go about finding another place to call home.

If there is a shred of decency in this body of elected officials, you will dispose of this ill-conceived resolution. You will focus on the good of all of Madison, not just a few. You will support those that provide you with security and certainty in times of need. You will oppose resolution 60043.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael J. Moore  
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M3 Insurance  
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Madison, WI 53713  
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www.m3ins.com

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**From:** bakera57@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support the 115th!!

Please consider pulling your anti-115th resolution from Tuesday's meeting. Responding to the few critics of the F-35 mission could cost Madison and Dane County hard. It's clear no one is taking the Economic impact of losing the 115th seriously.

Thank You

Adam

**From:** Susan Schmitz <sschmitz0127@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor; Orrantia, Leslie  
**Subject:** Anti-115th FW Resolution

Hello City of Madison Alders:

I do know many of you, but for those who do not know me, I am the former President of Downtown Madison, Inc. (DMI). Jason Ilstrup is my successor and doing a great job. I am, however, addressing you as a 4th generation person of this community. I hope all of you and your families are safe and well. I saw the 115th FW Resolution on your agenda for Tuesday's City Council Meeting. At this time in our local community, State and country, I was taken aback to see this on your agenda. Our fellow community members (national guard members) are in the thick of things, trying to help people in the state of Wisconsin who have already been infected with the COVID-19 virus and they are doing everything they can to protect those who haven't. These are our friends, neighbors, co-workers who are unsung heroes. They are not able to return to Madison to attend a city council meeting in the middle of a pandemic. The timing could not be worse—especially when this quote is at the end of THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: “remove Truax Field from future consideration”. We are talking about the people who are working to keep us safe. This is NOT the time for such a resolution—PLEASE remove it from you agenda! Thank you for your service to our city!

Susan

Susan Schmitz  
Schmitz Consulting, LLC  
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**From:** John McDermott <jmcd728@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:03 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** doyle.elizabeth@countyofdane.com; Parisi, Joseph  
**Subject:** Resolution Not Supporting Truax Field, the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35A Jets

As a subscriber and reader of Alder Lindsay Lemmer's newsletter, I failed to see anything contained therein related to her cosponsored resolution NOT SUPPORTING THE F-35A JETS. Must have been an oversight not mentioning this most significant issue?

Have you, especially the seven who did cosponsor the resolution intended to be introduced at your March 31 meeting, lost your collective minds? Do you read what is being said in abundance on social media and elsewhere about your untimely, irresponsible, ill-advised and in reality, meaningless resolution? Don't you understand Madison is in the midst of a world-wide pandemic, and you are foolishly wasting valuable time and resources on your selfish whimsy. Do you not see the overwhelming support there is in Madison, Dane County and Wisconsin in bedding the F-35A jets here?

While Madison and, indeed, the world are working to keep our families and ourselves safe from COVID-19, you are challenging us to divert our energies toward your charade of spinning up a local debate on what is solely a federal decision. Have you not seen and read about the brave Air National Guard members who are now out in our community helping others, while putting themselves and their families and friends at risk? Are you there pitching in to the same degree? What is your plan to replace the \$100 million annual benefit Truax Field and the 115th Fighter Wing contribute to our economy? Have you not seen these people in churches, grocery stores and everywhere else out and around our city and county? These are our own family, friends and neighbors at Truax Field supporting us as they have been since 1943. How long have you lived in Madison? What have you done or ever will do approaching this magnitude for our community? We want Truax Field. We want the 115th Fighter Wing and we want the F-35A Jets. You could, on the other hand, pack up and be gone from Madison today, if you chose to do so, leaving the rest of us to live with the chaos you are attempting to create.

John M. McDermott, PhD  
210 Westminster Court  
Madison, Wisconsin 53714

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

**From:** Mitch Beyersdorf <mitch07@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** National Guard planes in Madison

Folks,,it sure seems that you people are driven to doing away with the National Guard ,that has helped the Madison area for years. Your approach should be to welcome them.It sounds like the same approach as " reporting a group of 10 people or more,to the authorities" What is it that you are afraid of? I have lived in Madison for over 60 years and deserve better than your attempt to "drive away" our friends /defenders. Please rethink your policy of "let someone have the noise,we just want the freedom" thank you,, Mitch Beyersdorf 4225 Lien Rd.Madison,Wi



**From:** Dan Fitzgerald <wd53704@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Resolution

To all Madison alders,

I'm not sure if Covid-19 has impaired your decision making, or if there is another reason.

I'm disappointed and angry that, in the midst of a crisis, where even Governor Evers has told Wisconsinites to stay home, that you would have the gall to add the anti 115th Fighter Wing resolution to the March 31 agenda!

This makes it obvious you don't care what the public has to say, and instead ram through what you want, damn the consequences of your decision.

If you were so concerned, this process would have started years ago and have been resolved.

So why now? To me, it's strictly a political agenda, which doesn't help the people you pretend you're doing it for. It's a social justice project which doesn't care about the majority impacted.

You're willing to throw away over 1200 jobs, over \$90 million of economic impact for what? Even if you're successful, how do you propose to replace those jobs and the loss of over \$90 million to our local economy?

The only thing you folks have put forward is your stance against the 115th Fighter Wing, but no hint of how you would compensate for its loss. You're not solution oriented, certainly not in this case.

So tell me, since deciding to do this in spite of a national emergency, the governor's stay home proclamation, have you honestly considered your hypocrisy of democracy?

Our national guard were called up to fight Covid-19, Madisonites and Wisconsinites have been told to stay home to avoid spreading the virus. We're not supposed to gather in groups of more than 10.

We can't be there! This also shows your contempt for local National Guard members who can't attend, because they've been called up due to our national emergency.

Are you scared that you won't get your way? Or do you actually not like democracy and people giving their input?

I strongly recommend you put this agenda on hold until we all know the "stay at home" order has been lifted. It's only fair and democratic.

Sincerely,

Walter Fitzgerald

3602 Packers Ave Apt 105

Madison, WI 53704

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**From:** David Disch <spwhrs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:29 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti- 115 wing

Let me along with others encourage you to do the right and honorable thing and pull this resolution from Tuesday's Agenda.

Sincerely  
Dave Disch

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**From:** Deb ledlow <debledlow@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:55 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution

Please remove the 115th fighter wing resolution you snuck in on the ballot for April 7, please do the right thing.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**From:** Mike Hoeser <1cheezer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:58 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

I was just informed you will be voting on a resolution to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing. I don't know if this is true. If it is, I hope that means you have everything else taken care of and nothing else to do. If you have all Madison's problems with the Covid-19 issues fixed (school issues, food for poor issues, hospital and medical supply issues, housing issues, employment issues, etc.), please let me know because I have not heard that in the news. If you don't, I can't believe you would spend time on something else. Also, if you oppose the Fighter Wing, you will lose my vote, my wife's vote, my children's vote and many of my neighbor's votes.

Mike Hoeser

**From:** Gretchen Crabb <gretchen.crabb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** In support of F-35

Dear Alders of the City of Madison,

I urge you to **support** the bed down of the F-35's in Madison. Please notice that many of the first responders in our community at this time are the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing- they do so much to help our community and the state and we need to support them and maintain their presence in Madison for the well being of our residents. There has been so much misinformation being generated about the F-35 that has led to much of the push back to their arrival. Please look at the research and reflect on the information from the experts from the base—they are members of this community too and because of this they are mindful of their presence and how and why they operate—they understand what is at stake. The continuation of their mission at Truax is an important part of Madison, Wisconsin and our national security. Please come together at this important time to work with all residents and the members and families of the 115th Fighter Wing and support the F-35 mission.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Crabb

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** cmwestrich@uwalumni.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:23 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Blatant Factual Inaccuracies in Resolution File #: 60043, Version: 1

To the Madison City Council Alders in support of Resolution File #: 60043, Version: 1,

After further review of both Tuesday's resolution and the USAF Final EIS statement I am absolutely appalled at the blatant word twisting of the facts in the EIS into your resolution.

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Final EIS released on February 18, 2020, confirms the significant environmental impacts identified in the Draft EIS,

USAF EIS: "Overall, the Proposed Action would be anticipated to result in significant impacts to the airport noise environment, but have no significant impacts in the Special Use Airspace (SUA)"

Resolution: including substantially reduced quality and quantity of current affordable housing stock, decreased value of the property tax base,

USAF EIS: "Construction spending would have short-term benefits for the local economy. Negligible impact on the housing market in the city of Madison. Overall, the potential lost property value would represent between 0.03 and 0.27 percent."

Resolution: reduced opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development, ongoing soil, ground and surface water PFAS contamination violations by the ANG,

USAF EIS: "No significant impacts to surface water, groundwater, and floodplains. Construction activities would have no impact on wetlands." Additionally, PFAS are only mentioned once in the EIS (footnote of page 2-41).

Resolution: significant adverse health effects that disproportionately affect children, residents who are low income and people of color; and,

USAF EIS: "There would be significant disproportionate impacts to low-income and minority populations as well as children." Nowhere, I repeat NOWHERE, does the EIS state there would be "significant adverse health effects." In fact, "adverse health" only appears on page 3-20 (of the 931 pages) and specifically states, "Therefore, HAPs would not create significant or adverse health risks to humans living adjacent to airfields or underneath airspace in which aircraft operate, and are not further evaluated in the analysis."

Again, I find your twisting of words to suit your purpose abhorrent. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Corinne Westrich  
Town of Dunn

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**From:** George Ring <george1ring@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support air power.

Air Force are our heroes ! You forget how freedom is provided for you and you loved ones. People can move where they like. Work at the job of choice . I'm proud when I hear my F16 friends in the air. You want Russia to kick our tale. George Ring. Support 115 fighter wing !

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** W SPENCER <ss3390@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Badger Air Community Council  
**Subject:** Support the F-35

To the Alders of the City Of Madison,

I am still supporting the 115 Fighter Wing and welcome the F-35!

We have a group of activists on the City Council. They do not care about the economic well being of the community. I have witnessed the F-35 flying directly over the house. They are no louder than F-16s! Recently some T-38s were in town and social media posts were calling attention to the F-35. Most of these people wouldn't know an F-35 if it dropped, the other enemy of the council, a plastic straw on them.

I find it funny that the opposition will go to extremes to fill the community with fear. If you all are so against noise, lets get lets get rid of your precious summer festivals that fill the summer air with the bass from amplified music miles away. How about the airport it self. The commercial jets at 10:30pm, 11:00pm and later those aren't the 115th! The airport and air base has been here longer than most of us living here. Perhaps a home in the area of an airport is not the right fit for these individuals. Not unlike the whiners that moved in next to railroad tracks and complain about noise.

William Spencer III



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Linda Schaack <lindaschaack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:39 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 jets

I support the F-35's at Truax Field.

Linda Schaack  
912 Menomonie Lane

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Cynthia Burleson <cbutattoo8@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:58 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35A

SUPPORT!!!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** kwillie1@charter.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:02 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull Anti-115th Resolution from March 31, 2020 Agenda/All Future Agenda's

To All Madison Common Council Alders:

First and foremost - I support the 115th Fighter Wing/Wisconsin National Guard/Their Families - all those that have previously served and who are currently serving! It's unbelievable you would even think about a vote of this nature when those serving are out doing what they have been trained to do in response to COVID-19 and are putting their lives on the line for all of us which includes each of you and your families. Not to mention how an adverse decision will affect an economic impact of \$100+ million for our state.

Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business during a public health emergency, activated by Governor Evers. Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades.

Please do the honorable, right thing and pull this anti-115 Fighter Wing Resolution from your agenda on Tuesday, March 31 Agenda. In fact, do not put this resolution on any upcoming agendas. It's our turn to show these heroes and their families that they are supported by Wisconsin and that starts with each of you!

Kindest Regards,

Karen Williams  
Oregon, WI

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**From:** Nancy McCall <nancymc113@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Postpone Vote on 115th Fighter Wing

I am aware that the Madison City Council is planning to vote on a resolution Tuesday to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing. This item was added to the City Council's agenda on Friday, with the council planning to vote on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM.

I feel this is NOT the time for a vote on this controversial issue. There are, of course, pros and cons, but during this time of economic uncertainty due to the Coronavirus, other issues should be in the forefront. Please consider removing it from the March 31 agenda.

Lindsay Lemmer, as my aldersperson who I have great respect for, please do not support having this item on the agenda this week but instead propose having it postponed.

Nancy McCall

113 Acewood Blvd.

Madison 53714

**From:** Schauer, Andrew <Schauer.Andrew@countyofdane.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:32 PM  
**To:** ROGER W MAYER  
**Cc:** All Alders; #County Board Recipients  
**Subject:** Re: F-35

Dear Roger,

I support the 115th Fighter Wing and will oppose the resolution against the F-35 when it gets to the floor of the County Board.

Best,  
Andrew Schauer  
Supervisor, 21st District

On Mar 10, 2020, at 11:00 AM, ROGER W MAYER <rwmaye@wisc.edu> wrote:

CAUTION: External Email - Beware of unknown links and attachments. Contact Helpdesk at 266-4440 if unsure

I don't know how many of you lived in Madison/Truax field area from 1956 to 1966 before the Guard took over the Air Force F-102's. During the 56/66 time, I flew as a Radar Intercept Officer (RO) in the back of F-89's. Over that period of time the weapons changed from 20mm canons, to rockets, to a mix of rockets and missiles and finally the Genie missile. I wonder how many people new that this missile was an atomic missile and there were airplanes loaded with this missile on alert at the end of the N-S runway in the alert hangers there. There was also a bunker and shop to store and maintain the missiles that could be placed on other aircraft in time of war.

The F-89 had two engines with afterburners and on takeoff the engines and afterburners were run up before brake release. It might be two or three seconds before brake release so must have been a little noise in the neighborhood. Then the 89 did not climb like the 16 and 35 so another noise factor. I know talking about the past only answers a question about where were complaints back then? Maybe the city council new about the atomic missiles, I don't know but my guess is that they would have raised a stink about it.

While the F-89 is in the past, it points out that things which could be a problem, somehow never materialize. I think the F-98 was a real noise maker because of the way it had to be flown. On a hot high humidity day in August, rate of climb was very low, so noise had to be there during take off. Since the rate of climb of the F-35 far exceeds that of 89 I would think it may be less of a problem. Is a little noise for a short time or noise for a longer time more of a problem for the people complaining? While 89's were a while back, the only complaint was Sunday morning so if I we recall, we didn't fly until after lunch on guard drill week ends.

I think for the greater good of this great country of ours, a little noise for a few is a small price in keeping this country as safe as we can make it. I have never heard anyone say anything about the air crew flying the 16 or 35. Perhaps the risk is low, but there is always a risk involved flying these high performance Aircraft. Don't you agree that the pilots and ground crews and maintainers deserve some credit for the safety record the 115 has had

over the time it has been flying out of Dane County Airport? Maybe this is one of the reasons this unit is considered by the Air Force.

Full disclosure -- I am a 30 year vet of the Air Force and Air Guard so maybe I see the big picture different than some.

Roger Mayer

206 Frigate Dr.

233-0036

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**From:** michael breunig <michael.breunig3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:51 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** NO 115th FW RESOLUTION

Hello,

Please take the proposed 115th Fighter Wing resolution off the table for Tuesdays meeting. Trying to sneak this resolution in while the community is concerned with the COVID-19 emergency is low and representative of the members that support it.

As a employee of the 115th FW, bringing these jets in will continue the mission of the 115th FW and add millions to the local community. I hope the larger majority of this board can see the worth of the Fighter Wing and the people that jeep it going.

Please do the right thing and take this out of consideration, support the community and make the state proud.

Mike Breunig

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**From:** Kay Gies <kaygies@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:24 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 Fighter wing

Good morning,

Please focus on matters of importance that you should be addressing at your board meeting.

At a minimum, you shouldn't be sneaking in resolutions at the last minute regarding the 115 fighter wing. Personally, I believe you should be supporting the 115. They will protect our community, bring jobs and money to the city and be good neighbors.

Respectfully,

Kay Gies

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Kelly Bassney <kbassney@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull the Resolution

To Whom It May Concern:

It's quite the show of character that you would sneak the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution into your meeting, much less a time such as now.

Do the right thing and pull this from your agenda on Tuesday.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Bassney  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** scheller steve <steve\_scheller@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:53 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Proposed resolution

Good morning Alders,

Please reconsider this last minute proposed resolution. I can't express any better than the quotes below, especially regarding the economic impact this would have on the already devastated economy.

“It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,” said Chris Arenz, executive director of the Badger Air Community Council.

*It's unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community*

Sincerely,

Steve Scheller

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**From:** LZ <lmzeier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders

To Whom It May Concern:

It's quite the show character that you would seek the anti-115th fighter wing resolution into your meeting much less a time such as now.

Do the right thing and pull from Tuesdays agenda.

Sincerely,  
Lucas Zeier

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Danl dickens <bookemdd@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

You should all be ashamed of yourselves for not supporting the 115th Fighter Wing... They have always supported the people of the Madison area.

**From:** Jim Bockhop <jim.bockhop@wismed.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:16 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support Truax aircraft upgrade

## **Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda**

Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business  
Our Guardsmen and women deserve better than sneaky behind the back politics  
I vote and I will remember this  
Anyone who does not support national defense does not represent me

Jim Bockhop  
#10 Mockingbird Lane  
Madison WI 53704-2414

**From:** Scott Favour <sfavour@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:16 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 60043/115th Fighter Wing

Hello,

I am disappointed that you are considering making a statement against the 115th Fighter Wing at this meeting which will be conducted virtually making it difficult for members of the community to contribute. I support the 115th and believe that it is a valuable addition to our community. I also feel that during this time of national crisis, it may be better put off to a later date.

Additionally, I feel that your belief that the majority of Madison residents are against the Fighter Wing is flawed and reflects only the views of a dedicated few anti-war activists. I believe the greater majority are indifferent to the Fighter Wing and that are likely an equal number of supporters to opponents.

Scott Favour  
819 E Mifflin St #304  
Madison

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**From:** David Schmidt <dwschmidt80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** anti 115 fighter

please pull this agenda item from tuesday meeting. thanks dave schmidt

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**From:** Nick Karabis <ngreek1944@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:45 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** f-35 resolution

You should all be ashamed of yourself!

Sponsors of the resolution are:

- Rebecca Kemble
- Syed Abbas
- Tag Evers
- Grant Foster
- Patrick W. Heck
- Marsha A. Rummel
- Lindsay Lemmer
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**From:** proartist@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Resolution

Honorable Council Members:

While not residents of Madison or Dane County, as residents of Janesville (Rock) County, we are very concerned and in opposition to basing the F-35s at Truax in Madison because:

1. The F-35 has harmful effects not only to the Madison area but all of South Central Wisconsin by its use of the skies around and above our homes. Aside from the excessive noise in flight to all within their range - and that includes Janesville which, no doubt, would be a point of fly-overs/turn-around - there would undoubtedly be environmental damage, health effects, and general disruption of not just Madison but all out-lying communities.
2. The F-35's have an unproven and even dangerous track record for safety in operations.
3. At cost per plane, the F-35's are an excessive expenditure on the backs of American tax-payers - especially in a time of global pandemic and danger of complete economic collapse. Now, more than ever, we must be more cost conscious. Imagine the number of much needed ventilators that could be purchased to save lives amid the Covid-19 virus outbreak in comparison.

The F-35's are unnecessary, wasteful, polluting, and would harm citizens of all South Central Wisconsin.

Please vote for the Resolution to protect and preserve the People of Wisconsin; to keep the F-35s from being based at Truax.

Sincerely,  
Judith Detert-Moriarty  
23 S. Atwood Ave.  
Janesville, WI 53545  
608-752-9248

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**From:** Building and construction Trades Council of South Central WI  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Oppose Item 77 on the Council agenda

To All Madison Alders:

Please oppose item 77 on the Common Council Agenda, the resolution Responding to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown. This resolution should be pulled from the agenda.

Our friends and neighbors who serve as Airmen and Soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard are putting their lives on the line to serve the community during the COVID-19 emergency. Our state and local economies are being devastated by the COVID-19 emergency. The F35s will bring over \$100 million in annual economic impact.

The Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin supports the F35s mission and asks all alders to oppose Item 77 and have it pulled from the agenda.

Dave Branson  
President/Executive Director  
Building and Construction Trades Council  
Of South Central Wisconsin  
(608) 256-3161 – Office  
(608) 770-1021 – Cell  
<http://btrades.com>



**From:** John Deem <jdeem@audiocontractorsllc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** STOP YOUR SNEEKY POLITICS!

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

**From:** Ranette Maurer <rmaurer@hiltonmadison.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Badger Air Wing - 115th

I was just make aware of an agenda item that was added to the meeting tomorrow night and an sending this email to ask that this be taken out.

The state fights this health crisis, our local and state economy hangs in the balance and you are trying to pass this resolution while no one is really looking. It is very unfortunate that at a time like this, the Madison City Council is trying to chase away over \$100 million in annual economic impact and the 1,500 skilled individuals and their families who contribute greatly to our community.

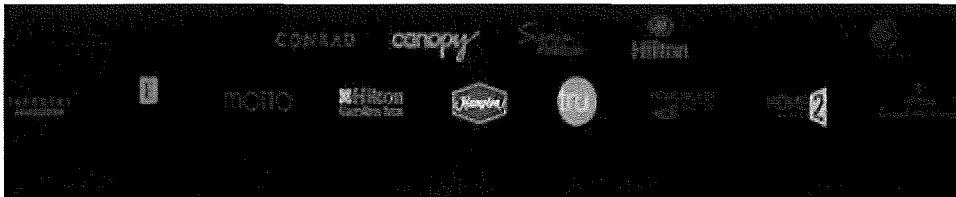
Please do the right thing and remove this resolution until the COVID-19 issues have been resolved and the public can be made aware of what is being added to the agenda.

Thank you for the consideration.

**RANETTE MAURER**  
Director of Sales

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**From:** Cynthia Weege <cweege@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

This is reprehensible and disgusting. Remove it. We are in a crisis now and there is no room for dirty politics.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** jvoss.1462@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] 115th Fighter Wing

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Julie Voss  
**Address:** 718 Hanley Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
**Email:** jvoss.1462@gmail.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

Please pull the anti 115th Fighter Wing Resolution from the virtual meeting agenda tomorrow. I feel your focus right now should be on the Covid-19 crisis. Please don't let a small vocal group from Madison influence your decision on something that will affect the entire state of Wisconsin.

I fully support the our Truax National Guard, they are here for our safety. The noise the planes make for a very short amount of time each day is the sound of freedom.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Laurie Vanderbloemen <Laurie.Vanderbloemen@summitcreditunion.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** During this time of COVID 19 - 115 FW Resolution

To all concerned,

During this time of the 'Stay at Home Order', it is unjustifiable that you would vote on important resolutions. This is **not essential business** that is needed to help our community through these difficult time and you should be ashamed to be adding/voting on such matters. It is also a slap in the face for our guardsman, who have been deployed to the front lines in helping to fight the COVID-19 virus in the state of Wisconsin.

Laurie Vanderbloemen

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**From:** Brad Heidel <flduckwacker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing

Wow, par for the course for the city of Madison alders and pretty much all liberal politicians. We have recently see it in unprecedented at the national level an now at the local level.

You need to pull your Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution. Our local leaders need to be concentrating on our community and the needs around the Covid-19 and NOT PLAYING Politics at this time.

Brad Heidel



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**From:** jneth3@charter.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Alder Persons: I urge you to take the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution off your Tuesday agenda. We need the 115th here for the Community, County, State, and Nation. They play a vital role for our safety and security. Please do the right thing. Thank you.

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Todd Cottrill <f16\_fixr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Fw: Madison Alders Sneak Anti-115th FW Resolution onto Tuesday Agenda

To those who support a resolution to oppose the F-35 bed-down at Truax Field:

It angers me to read the latest e-mail from Chris Arenz, who is one of the most respected pilots I've ever had the pleasure to serve with while at the 115th Fighter Wing. I spent 15 years of my 27 year Air Force career (including 3 combat deployments) as an aircraft electronics technician and have seen first-hand the many benefits of having an operational Guard unit here in Madison. Not only Air Guard but Army Guard as well.

I will keep this short but wanted to put my "2 cents" in that you are making a big mistake and affecting the lives and livelihoods of many great folks in and around the Madison area who bust their butts to keep those jets flying so that our pilots can continue to get the necessary training they need to complete the Wing's mission. I feel it is shameful to try to "sneak" a resolution in to a meeting at the last minute, especially during one of the worst viral outbreaks of our time. I sincerely hope you will re-consider this action and do the right thing, not only for Madison, but for the entire State of Wisconsin.

Here are some key points from the e-mail I received that I would love for you all to consider:

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

A very proud but concerned veteran,

Todd R. Cottrill  
Ph. 608-212-9217

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Kaitlin Gibbs <kaitcgibbs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull Anti 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Dear Alders,

I am writing to ask you to pull the anti-115th fighter wing resolution from your meeting tomorrow. You are the community leaders and you, like the rest of the world should be focused on the health and safety of the community amidst this COVID-19 crisis. You should be the leaders in your communities battling this health emergency just like the hundreds of guardsmen at the 115th.

Thank you for your time,  
Kait Gibbs

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steve Nelson <steve@duwaynessalon.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesdays meeting, Added resolution!

Dear all alders, I plead with you today to **OPPOSE** the resolution the some alders have added to the agenda for Tuesday nights meeting. I have a business on the Northside of Madison and welcome the 115 Fighter wing. I am SO disappointing with those alders to SNEAK in the resolution to oppose the 115 fighter wing. I feel that they will be a benefit to Madison!! We do not need this resolution , and I hope that you will oppose it! This in not the time when the National guardsmen have been activated by the Governor! PLEASE OPPOSE the resolution!!!

Steve Nelson

DuWaynes Salon

2114 N Sherman Ave

Madison WI. 53704

608-241-0323

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**From:** pncdenise@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 11:35 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

I am writing to ask you to vote **NO** on the resolution coming before you which opposes the selection of Truax Field as a home for the F-35A jets.

During the midst of a pandemic, where our guard and airmen are putting themselves in harms, is not the time to sneak around the residents of Madison's back to make this vote.

Please consider at this time in America's history, we are blessed to have an **ALL VOLUNTEER SERVICE**. Our volunteer service members volunteer not only to serve our state and nation, but also for the opportunity to work on state-of-the-art equipment. (This would include working with and on the F-35A jets.) As the war on Terrorism and now this deadly disease continues, morale amongst our service members is low. Their family members are also frustrated and feeling the impact of someone missing from their households for months and years at a time.

When it comes time to re-enlist, these hard working citizen soldiers and airmen will take into consideration the support (or lack of support) of the community they live and serve in.

If you vote to take away this opportunity from our military personnel – **you might ultimately be voting to return to a nation that needs to implement the draft to fill gaps when we lose our volunteers.**

*Please, vote no on this resolution. And, vote YES to any opportunity you have to support our hard working citizen airmen and soldiers (your neighbors) . Thank you.*

Respectfully,

Denise Rohan  
Wisconsin Director of Selective Service  
Soldier & Family Readiness Lead - HHD 641<sup>st</sup> TCB  
Past State and National Commander of The American Legion

631 Lone Oak Lane  
Verona, WI 53593 (we get our mail from Verona – but live in Madison)

608-225-1423

**From:** David Larsen <dwlarsen1952@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** March 31 City Council meeting

Why don't you elders that oppose the F-35s just come out and say it? You're a pacifist and don't want anything to do with the military at all. If you were so concerned, you would've spoken up about the noise a long time ago. I don't hear you complaining about the 'noise' generated by the major airlines, helicopters, private planes and jets, trains, loud motorcycles, drag racing cars, gunshots, police sirens, ambulance and fire calls, EMS from Sun Prairie, DeForest, Waunakee and others, loud speakers in cars, MedFlight, honking horns, faulty car alarms, backup warning signals, barking dogs, crying babies, loud arguments, blasting stereos, etc. in ad nauseum. And now to try to sneak this in through the back door with no public input is disgusting. Why don't you put it on a city referendum and find out what the majority of the people think. It's people like you that give politics a bad name.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** John Wedeward <johnwedeward@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

It is ridiculous that at a time when all but essential business has come to a screeching halt you are trying to sneak in by back door a resolution against the 115th Fighter wing. I hope that you will reconsider this resolution when the public is allowed to make a representation as no doubt you are aware that social distancing is in effect and supporters are abiding by that. I am in total support of our military/Air national guard and request that you table this resolution at this time.

Thank you,

John and Lori Wedeward

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** BRIAN PASS <bmpass63@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Anti-115 Resolution

Folks, be ethical and transparent. Remove this resolution from your agenda. Don't be perceived as disliking and disrespecting all the members of the community that proudly serve their community and their nation.

Sincerely,  
Brian Pass



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**From:** Chris Ogden <ckogden@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** pncdenise@gmail.com; All Alders  
**Subject:** Re: 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Denise, nice letter. Mine was a bit more blunt but the same thoughts. My Alder is not a sponsor. He has better sense. Chris

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**From:** pncdenise@gmail.com <pncdenise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 11:35 AM  
**To:** allalders@cityofmadison.com <allalders@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

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Past State and National Commander of The American Legion

631 Lone Oak Lane  
Verona, WI 53593 (we get our mail from Verona – but live in Madison)

608-225-1423

**From:** Cassidy Kirkpatrick <cassidy.essential@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 12:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I oppose f 35s in Madison

Alders of Madison,

Some of the things I want you to know are in the following bullet points. Also, on a more personal note, if the jets are approved I will be needing to move my family from the neighborhood. I'm very concerned that it will be a difficult task as I imagine the property values will go down because of this. I feel privileged to even say this because, although I am considered low income, many others will not be able to afford moving from this neighborhood and will be forced to endure the very negative impacts.

- We are not opposing the Air National Guard or the 115th Fighter Wing.
- We are opposed to basing the F-35s at Truax in Madison because of the F-35 itself and the harmful effects to our community, particularly people with low-incomes, minorities and children.
- We have statements from almost 50 local and state organizations opposing the Truax bed-down.
- The cost of the F-35s is excessive when we need the funding for domestic needs. (18 F-35s cost about the same as 80,000 ventilators)
- Over 30,000 people nationwide have signed a petition to cancel the F-35 program due to concerns about safety, environmental damage, health effects, cost, effectiveness and disruption of Communities.

Thank you for your consideration and please do the right thing for our children and our community!

Cassidy Kirkpatrick  
714 N Fair Oaks Ave

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** mike\_dambach@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Support the WI National Guard

**Importance:** High

Madison Common Council,

Stop trying to sneak resolutions on the agenda. (Regarding the anti-115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution)

Our WI National Guard deserves state of the art and should not be subject to “not-in-my-backyard” complaints and self-centered attitudes.

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**From:** Etzels <kdietzman@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution On Tuesday's Agenda

Please remove the resolution on the Anti 115th Fighter Wing from your agenda on Tuesday 3/31/20 meeting. How in the world is this fair for you to secretly add this to your agenda when there is a Governor's order to stay home and away from others? This means that the general public would not be able to render their thoughts and DISAPPROVAL to inhibit support for the F35 mission succeeding at Truax Field. You need to STOP any vote or action while the general public cannot participate or while no one is watching. This is a Republic and we are being denied our democracy to oppose this potential action to stop the F35 mission from occurring. Your consideration and request is expected.

Glori Sabin  
10 Jubilee Cir  
Madison Wi 53718

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** John <lvvnw@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.  
**Subject:** Your methods, motives, message and timing are disgraceful

*Good afternoon,*

*I write to express my extreme distaste for what amounts to nothing less than a pathetic, reprehensible and underhanded political maneuver by several Alders to introduce a resolution at tomorrow night's Common Council meeting concerning the 115th Fighter Wing, based in Madison.*

*To literally attempt to conceal that item from public scrutiny and tamp down public dialogue by filing it on a Friday in advance of a meeting to be held the following Tuesday, demonstrates clearly the unprincipled methods that some will apparently employ in pursuit of their own personal social and political agendas.*

*Most obscenely however, for any public official to even consider proposing such a measure at a time when our National Guard service members are working tirelessly, putting themselves in harm's way in nearly every State in the Union, including right here at home in Wisconsin, in an effort help suppress the Covid pandemic on your behalf, is beyond the pale.*

*At least one of the seven sponsoring Alders has been virtually invisible in their District since the Covid issue began. As well, they have represented to at least one constituent that they were not privy to, nor involved in, important decisions made by the Mayor, which directly and negatively impacts neighborhoods and residents in their very own District.*

*Yet, that same Alder and others, can somehow find time to surface and exploit the confusion caused by the virus crisis in order to further their personal agendas while attacking the very military service personnel who are presently standing in the fray protecting them and the rest of us.*

*As for some Alders not listed as sponsors of this resolution and other City officials, you are just as culpable in the developments leading to this event. Some of you continue to posit a patently false narrative to constituents who contact you, indicating that a majority of Madison and Dane County residents are in favor of your anti F-35 basing stances.*

*There are absolutely no facts upon which to base your claims of alleged widespread area support for your position. Not a single one of the sponsoring alders, nor any other City or County official, have produced a scintilla of true evidence in that regard. Not one of them has conducted a single comprehensive and reliable door-to-door canvass within their Districts or even made a concerted effort to conduct reliable neighborhood polling to try and determine what the entirety of their constituents think, not just those of a like mind. Thus, due to personal positions, you have created your own echo-chamber and are tone deaf to the remainder of those you are supposed to equally represent.*

*With the social and financial impact of the pandemic becoming clearer to City and County officials each day, the process of actively seeking financial assistance from the State and Federal governments to support ongoing operations has begun.*

*Perhaps now would be an opportune time for each of you to set aside your personal views and reflect upon the potential future absence of the \$100 million in annual economic activity presently being generated into the area economy by the fighter wing being based here.*

*The U.S. Air Force will decide this issue on its merits in due course. But for this group of sponsoring Madison Alders to attempt such a contemptible slight-of-hand at this critical point in time, while our military service members are actively working to protect each of us, is nearly beyond comprehension. You should be ashamed.*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dan Bertler <Dan@supremestructures.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Fighter Wing Resolution

All: Please pull this resolution from your agenda. This is non-essential business at this time. Please follow what lead of the Dane County board at this time. Thank you,

Dan Bertler

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Adam Kuen <adam.kuen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:14 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** please support Common Council's resolution "Responding to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown"

I'm writing to ask that you please support this common council resolution.

We have family and friends in the area that would be most drastically impacted by the F-35's brought to Truax. But even if we didn't know anybody in the area, we are vehemently opposed to bringing these war machines to Madison, because of their harmful impacts - especially to kids, low-income and minority residents.

Thank you for your work and consideration.

Adam Kuen and Colleen Condon  
3163 County Highway F, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

**From:** Janet Gar <janetgar5@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:24 PM.  
**To:** All Alders; BadgerAir@gmail.com  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Alders,

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Please do the right thing!

Janet Garczynski  
Windsor, WI



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**From:** Matt Wieseckel <mattwieseckel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** All Alders; All Alders  
**Subject:** Remove F-35 Opposition Resolution from March 31st Meeting

Madison Alders,

I am incredibly disappointed to see the Madison Common Council engage in incendiary political tactics quickly introducing a resolution opposing the F-35 and 115th Fighter Wing while the citizens of Madison are completely consumed with keeping their families safe and their jobs intact. What happened to the transparent process whereby Madisonians can have their voices heard in such heavy decisions? It seems as though you are out of touch with the true ramifications of what is going on in this current situation based on this tactic.

I ask that you delay vote on this resolution and remove it from the March 31 agenda until such time that our citizens are able to engage with the Council and weigh in with their points of view. Now, in such dire times, is not the appropriate moment to move forward on this issue.

Very respectfully,

Matt Wieseckel, District 1

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**From:** colmike06 <colmike06@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Fighter Wing

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

More liberal crap! Voting against The Fighter Wing is like voting against Madison! To all you liberals boohoo!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** gintlekofer@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F 35 at truax

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Greg Intlekofer  
**Address:** 1934 la sierra way, Madison, WI 53716  
**Email:** gintlekofer@yahoo.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

I support the f 35's at truax!!! Please drop resolutions trying to block this! This helps Madison tremendously!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Michelle <mchllacct@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** keep truax

We need the planes and the unit; we need the jobs and employment.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** rdmilius@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] Air Force

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Richard Milius  
**Address:** 1212 Clayton Rd, Pryor, OK 74361  
**Email:** rdmilius@hotmail.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

Please take the question about the Air Force Base in Madison off of your agenda for tomorrows meeting. You all have better things to do with your time!

Thank you,  
A concerned veteran

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** david dalsoren <ddalsoren@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35's

All of you should support the F-35 mission and the 115FW.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Harmony Ableman <hableman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Truax

Can not believe you would try and get rid of them while they are risking their lives with this damn virus. How low??  
How many jobs will be lost who are just worker bees there? With prediction of a 30% unemployment rate seems like a stupid time to get rid of any jobs!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Don <dgroneng@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s

I support the F35s coming to Madison, I support the 115th, they are not that noisy, certainly not much more than the F16s. We have had fighter jets here since I can remember, we even had F-102s here. If somebody chooses to live in the Truax Field area they know that jets do take off and land there. This will bring a lot of jobs and a lot of money to Madison. I'm sure they won't be taking off at 1 o'clock in the morning unless it's a true emergency. If it's the pacifists that are concerned then move to some sanctuary city. This is Madison and Truax is part of our fine city. Let's not ruin a good thing!!!

Don Groneng

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Joe Morgan <sunbird93racer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Resolution opposing F-35

I am an area veteran who is contacting you to cancel the council resolution to oppose the F-35. The timing of this resolution is completely inappropriate, and is based on flawed and biased data. I have experienced aircraft from Truax going back to 1984, and the 115th Fighter Wing has been a great neighbor. I also grew up next to an Air Force Base, and my life and upbringing was never adversely affected, despite aircraft that produced greater noise than the F-35 will. I also currently live directly in the flight path that these F-35s will fly, and I am the father of a 5 year old child. I have no fear that she will be adversely affected either. Your continued support of a vocal and uninformed minority opposing this improvement will do great financial harm to the area. The choices you make now will be strongly considered the next time your name appears on a ballot. Please keep that in mind. Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Morgan

**From:** Ray McCool <raymondemccool@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Air National Guard

Please be advised that we are 100% in favor of retaining the 115th Air National Guard wing at Truax Field and not only the F-16 fighter planes but also welcome the F-35 aircraft should we be selected as a home base. Our contacts with fellow citizens are of the same mindset.            Respectfully,

Ray and Mary McCool

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**From:** Steve Kensick <skensick@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support of F-35 coming to Madison

Sir/Ma'am

As a long time resident, I am writing to give my FULL support for F-35 coming to Madison. I urge you to vote against any resolution that opposes F-35.

Thank you for your consideration.

R/

Steve Kensick

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Robert Rodriguez <bobbyrodd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday 3.31 Agenda

Where is your holier-than-thou transparency, openness , and inclusion... or are they just, say it when it's convenient kind-of-thing?  
Wow.

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** IM Peterson <impeterson59@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing

We need them leave it alone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** lewisphoto <lewisphoto@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** fighter wing 115 debate

Dear Alders,

As a long time Madison resident and one with a small business that operates here, I would like to register my support for the 115th fighter wing and their mission here in Madison. I feel that the benefits to the community far outweigh the minor and infrequent brief sound impacts. I have lived in the flight path in both of the 2 homes that we have lived in and have always considered the powerful roar of the jets to be the sound of freedom.

I also would like to express my disappointment in the obvious attempt to slip in a politically divisive agenda item when we as a community of supporters would have difficulty to show up and put our support forward. The fact that it is not abundantly clear how privileged we are to have the 115th here is a mystery to me, but Madison never takes an opportunity to hurt it's own cause.

Please reconsider the sudden placing this item on the agenda tomorrow.

Thank you.

Barry Lewis  
1706 Wild Oak Circle  
Madison, WI 53713

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**From:** Carol Buege <bookwrm53532@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Truax Field

To all City of Madison Alders:

You have no right to go against the will of the VAST majority of the citizens of Madison. You know that they are in favor of supporting the F35s. They know that to do otherwise would adversely affect this city and surrounding areas. Please remove this from your agenda. To bring this to a vote in such a sneaky underhanded way is horrible of those of you who are supporting that. You shouldn't be in office. Either remove the vote from the agenda or surprise the MINORITY amount of naysayers and vote in favor of the jets.

We live right under the Truax flight path and hear jets every day. As you WELL know, if you're being honest with yourselves, the noise isn't an issue for nearly all of us. Quit listening to a small group of people who are really against all things military and do the right thing.

Carol Buege

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Kirby Frank <kirbyfrank83@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 city council agenda

1. I support the F-35 planes coming to Madison, WI 2. I want the 115th Fighter Wing to stay in Madison. We need the F-35 plane based in Madison to keep the 115th viable 3. The approach to bring this resolution forward with COVID19 in full shutdown and with our National Guard staff deployed at this time is unconscionable. This resolution should be removed from the agenda.

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** thomas Egstad <egstadt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support for the 115 Fighter Wing

The members of the 115th Fighter Wing deserves better! It is outrageous that the Madison City Council would sneak this onto their agenda. This was introduced with no public notice, zero committee references, and zero public engagement.

Remember the placement of F-35 is most certainly going to occur with or without your consent. What kind of relationship does the city of Madison what with the 115 FW? At this point certain members of the City Council has been nothing adversarial to the 115 FW and it members.

I do not live in the city of Madison, so I have no ability to vote you out of office. However, I can choose to spend my money outside the city of Madison. Sun Prairie, Deforest and Wauaukee have support the 115 FW. Remember that when east side business's continue to struggle.

Tom Egstad  
Sun Prairie, WI

**From:** tkrisher@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday Meeting

Shame on all of you for taking advantage of the current pandemic to vote Tuesday on a resolution to ban the 115th ANG F35s placement while : “Our national guard members are in the thick of things, trying to help citizens in the state of Wisconsin who have already been infected with the virus and they’re doing everything they can to protect those who haven’t,” said Arenz. “These unsung heroes cannot return to Madison to attend a city council meeting in the middle of a pandemic.” What is wrong with you?! Have you no decency? What are you doing to help your districts? No wonder I moved from Madison to the country!

I would like to know how many of you were born in Madison, grew up in Madison, or are transplants in your adult life? Do you know the history of our highly ranked base? If not educate yourself and save me the time! Do you own your homes and pay taxes! Or rent? Yes - a portion of your taxes no doubt help your landlord pay taxes. That doesn't count! You shouldn't be allowed to serve as an alderman if you don't own your home and pay taxes! Your opinion and vote should not count!

Why are you not protesting the addition of all the commercial airlines who fly more frequently than our jets? And consistently day and night! There is a noise factor there not to mention all the other factors - most ridiculous - to numerous to mention that have your concerns. I live in the flight path of both the Dane County Regional Airport and Truax Base. Each time the F16s fly over I'm reminded . . . . "Jet noise is the sound of our freedom!" In case it's not obvious - Yes - I support the placement of the F35s!

Cheri Krisher

*While the state, country and world focus on the COVID-19 pandemic  
Madison Alders try to act while no one is watching*

**Absolutely unacceptable!**

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** reporting@cityofmadison.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] Truax planes

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Michael Sheets  
**Address:** 6702 Patton Rd, Waunakee , Wi 53597

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

Need to take off vote having to do with F35 planes at this time because of lack people to properly way in because of Coronavirus. I support the planes coming to airport. Underhand way of taking away our voting rights

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** jeanrentsch@att.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F 35 JET TRUEX

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** JEAN Rentsch  
**Address:** 5025 LAKE MENDOTA DR, MADISON, WI 53705-1307  
**Phone:** 6083344181  
**Email:** jeanrentsch@att.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

I WANT THE F35 JETS AT TRUEX FIELD DO NOT STOP THIS FROM HAPPENING

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** 6086691902@mms.uscc.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

Jet noise sound of freedom. If I could attend I would approve the f35 for madison. Because we have to stay at home in this dreadful time, I won't have my 1st amendment rights to express my opinion. You all should be ashamed.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Tracy Williams <t.will@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

Dear Alders,

I am in support of the F-35 program at Truax Field. Due to the current "stay at home" request imparted on all of us during this COVID-19 pandemic, I and other supporters are not able to provide our support for F-35 at this meeting tomorrow. Please remove the resolution from your agenda tomorrow and reschedule to a reasonable later date, when the public can actively participate.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Williams

**From:** james.vandenbranden@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35 Jets

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** James Vanden Branden  
**Address:** 621 Hintze Road, Madison, WI 53704  
**Phone:** 920-205-7799  
**Email:** james.vandenbranden@gmail.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

Dear Alders. I am a homeowner in an affected neighborhood and wholeheartedly support the basing of F-35 jets in Madison. It disappoints me that my alder supported this sneaky attempt to place this item on the agenda as people are focused on the COVID-19 crisis. I do not support the ban on F-35 jets and welcome the men and women serving as pilots and the numerous individuals who have supporting roles. This agenda item is a slap in the face to those guard members and their families who are mobilized and cannot participate in the democratic process. There is a large group of property owning, hardworking taxpayers who support the city of Madison financially, such as myself, who strongly support the continued basing of the fighter wing in Madison and the basing of F-35 jets here. The unit's local annual economic impact, estimated at 100 million, will help us support the quality of life for all in Madison. Please get back to your real responsibilities supporting the taxpayers of the city.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** ANNA BAKKEN <lefsegundy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:35 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** The 115th fw

Please pull this agenda OFF the Tuesday meeting !!!

Anna Bakken



**From:** Rooney Freimund <rcfreimund@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's Agenda

Dear Alders,

The right and honorable thing to do is to pull the fighter resolution from Tuesday's agenda and concentrate on the public health of Dane County.

Respectfully,  
Rooney Freimund

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Tbush5514@att.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Todd Bush  
**Address:** 8402 Isaac Dr, Madison, WI 53717  
**Phone:** 608-712-9800  
**Email:** Tbush5514@att.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

I support the F-35 and the F-16 at Truax Field. I also support the hard working woman and men of the 115th. Not many of us are willing to do what they do. Vote in favor of the F-35 or remove the issue from the council agenda. Thank you.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dan Polly <danpolly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** All Alders; county\_board\_recipients@countyofdane.com  
**Subject:** Now is not the time to attack the 115th

save this crucial discussion for after the pandemic has passed. Let people have their voices heard.

Regards,

Dan Polly  
Madison resident

**From:** Bill Baures <bill.baures@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:20 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

Alders -

I understand the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 issue is on the agenda again. I urge you to remove this item from the agenda until we citizens can voice our concern to the common council.

If this is not possible, I urge you individually and collectively, to support the F-35 planes to be based and Madison. We need continued employment in the Madison area, and this is a reliable employer. We can expect they will pay their employees well, and require many support businesses for those employees.

Our freedoms were gotten by the military, and kept by the military. I had the privilege of serving in the Army during the Viet Nam era. Please do a small part to continue our military strength, and help by keeping current military strength in Madison.

Bill Baures  
District 16

**From:** Sharie Smith <lucy\_snyder01@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35's to come to Truax Field.

We are at War with a deadly Virus from China. Our citizens are being killed. The body bags are being stacked into freezer trucks. Our Air National Guard soldiers are putting their lives on the line protecting and helping citizens across our country while you sit in Madison hiding. You are the most cowardly people I have ever known of. What you have done is the most shameful thing I have ever heard of .I have shared it across Wisconsin and across the Country. I live in Milwaukee County, near the Airport. The noise is loud, but necessary. The planes need to fly. While our brave Men and Women of the Air National Guard our protecting our Country and can not attend the meeting, you deliberately scheduled a meeting knowing that they could not attend with their families to use their 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights to voice opinion against your efforts to deny the arrival of the F-35's. These planes are designed to protect all the citizens of Wisconsin, not just Madison. The State of Michigan is getting them to protect all of their citizens.

You do not have the right to deny all the citizens of Wisconsin of this protection. The 11<sup>th</sup> protects all of our State and Country. You are the most shameful and cowardly people. You are Traitors. Cease and desist this behavior. Take it off your agenda for your special meeting for tomorrow. This shows your true Anti American thoughts. Only Communists would do this. I vote that all of you should be put out of office and should leave the country. Shame on you. I want the protection of those F-35,s. It is only a matter of time before we are attacked again from enemy abroad or within and we will need the protection of those F-35's. I vote yes to allow them to come to Truax field.

Mrs. Sharie C. Snyder

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:** Bob Tercek <bobtercek@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday's Agenda: Sound of Freedom: F-35 Based In Madison

To All Madison Alders

Your agenda for tomorrow night includes discussions about the Air National Guard Fighter Wing. Think long and hard what you are doing in regards to your protection our military provides you in war, disasters and now Covid-19.

SOUND OF FREEDOM

I fully support the F-35 basing in Madison and oppose your resolutions to oppose.

Our sound of freedom is a small price to pay for the Air National Guard and their mission.

If you honestly believe in the sound of freedom you find ways to mediate the rhetoric and support our sound of freedom.

The members of the wing, the civilians who work there and their families should have you support. This is a military matter directed by the Air Force.

Let everyone know that you support this group and every person that has ever wore a U. S. Uniform.

Thanks

Bob Tercek



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** L Sommers <lds713@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

I support the F-35 at Truax  
I support the 115th fighter wing  
I support the National Guard and the Us Military

I personally feel a sense of pride when a military jet flies over

How dare you try to sneak this in when people are under "a stay at home " order.

You are all either anti military or anti American

Linda Sommers

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** DJR <rodel.duane@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** All Alders; County\_Board\_Recipients@countyofdane.com  
**Subject:** OPPOSED to "Responding to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown. (60043)"

Good evening,

I am writing today to register my firm opposition to the resolution currently being entertained by the City Council opposing the F-35 Mission at Truax. I find it shameful that our City Council alders and County Government are seeing fit to support something based on misinformation in the first place, and reprehensible that the COVID-19 pandemic is being used to fly this in under the radar.

If anything, the pandemic is proof positive why the unit is so important for us to have here in Madison. The F-35 mission is one facet of the National Guard's role in disaster preparedness and response, and having it here insures that the 115th maintains a high level of support in Wisconsin. Its loss would have network effects that would inevitably impact the rest of their operations. Eroding that is not only a detriment to the local economy, it presents real long-term consequences to our disaster readiness.

The misinformation surrounding the F-35 that is being circulated I find sensational as it is offensive. For being a city that prides itself on its intellectual acumen, I find it baffling that Madisonians seem to so readily glom onto hearsay and biased, partisan sources when it comes to the F-35, and reject credible ones, when the latter finds these jets have comparable impact to the F-16s we currently have, which is to say, not that much at all.

I find it hard to believe that their noise impact, which the unit goes to great pains to try and minimize, is that much worse than the everyday civilian traffic going in and out of Dane County Airport, all day, every day, even during this pandemic. And frankly, as a homeowner on the north side, I am far more encouraged and comforted by the occasional roar of a passing jet vs. the hours of constant droning and industrial noise that comes from nearby heavy industry like the Berntsen Foundry and nearby rail lines. Ultimately, I begrudge none of them the noise, because I understood that in shopping for a home out here, that industrial and airport noise was part of the package. They were here first, and have invested more in this city in terms of job creation and taxes both.

The opponents of the F-35 mission claim its impacts to low-income housing are high, I must then ask, why the city saw fit to locate the low-income housing by the airport in the first place, then? It seems to me that the most equitable solution would be to locate that housing someplace with less ambient noise, and to bulk up our public transportation infrastructure to enable residents of low-income housing to get where they need for work and necessities. This aligns with Mayor Rhodes-Conway's own stated goals for her administration completely. Why is it then necessary to entertain such a divisive and ultimately pointless resolution instead?

Madison is a city with a long and proud military tradition going back to the Civil War. Our fathers, mothers, grandparents, children, friends and neighbors have proudly represented this city within our armed forces for centuries, with great distinction, in every theater they served. It would be an incredible tragedy and loss to Madison, Dane County and Wisconsin if this tradition was jeopardized, for the sake of spurious reasoning and hysterical fear-mongering.

Sincerely,

Duane Rodel

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**From:** Cory Mace <corym0382@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposition to Anti 115th Resolution

I am writing kindly to request this resolution be pulled. The overall majority are clearly in favor of the F35. Are there negatives? Sure. No more negative however than the railroad tracks that go through my backyard that are utilized 24/7 and are louder and for some reason we never hear about that. I knowingly moved near them and they scare my daughter in the middle of the night....I recognize however that they have been there for decades...as has the airport. The overall benefit to the city is also undeniable. Thank you for your time.

Cory

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**From:** John Williams <jrw2054@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:43 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115FW Resolution

To the Members of the Madison Alders council,

The Resolution to be proposed Tuesday to request that the 115<sup>th</sup> FW not receive the F35 fighter is short sighted and based on bias of several Alders. This biased interpretation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is only looking at what could be the worst case scenario as reported in the EIS. In day to day operation the 115<sup>th</sup> FW has always worked with the City of Madison to have the least possible impact as mission criteria will allow. I have spoken recently with several people who live in and around Madison in the flight path of the airport and their comment were that they could not tell the difference between the airline traffic and the current F16's . In the past the 115<sup>th</sup> FW often took noise complaints (when flying the A10 aircraft) that belonged to the Commercial Airlines.

The reference to PFAS contamination again shows the bias of these individual as well as their misguided, misunderstanding that the contamination is strictly the result of the ANG, when the Airport Fire Department is the primary source. It just so happens that the Fire station is based on the ANG side of the runway.

It is unconscionable that this Resolution is being proposed while members of the National Guard to include the 115<sup>th</sup> FW members are working on the front line, literally putting their lives on the line to fight the Covid-19 Crisis in the state of Wisconsin.

The Alders that are proposing this resolution either don't care or have no concept what the 100 million dollars that will be lost would mean to Madison in lost revenue or the lose of the 1500 skilled individuals and they're families who contribute to the good of the community. If the 115<sup>th</sup> FW does not get newer Aircraft the F16's they currently fly will eventually reach there maximum service life and be removed from service, which could bring about the demise of the 115<sup>th</sup> in Madison.

I would hope that the Madison Common Council will do the honorable thing and remove this resolution from the Tuesday Agenda .

John Williams, MSgt WIANG (Ret)

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Craig Fonzen <crfonzen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 8:59 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 3/31/2020 Meeting Agenda for F-35's and 115th Fighter wing

Honorable Alders,

My wife and I recently heard that the City of Madison Common Council will take up resolution #60043 (*"Responding to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown."*) at tomorrow night's first virtual meeting, while Governor Evers: "Safer At Home" executive order #12 is in effect.

Why?

We urge you to postpone this discussion (and vote to resolve?) until such a time when the public can appear in person to support this resolution. I think it is unfair to the general public to have this discussion under a 1st time virtual meeting with a new and unfamiliar technology.

Alders, we respectfully urge you to table or postpone this discussion of resolution # 60043 until a future date.

Thank you.

Craig & Nancy Fonzen  
9 Firestone Court madison, WI 53717-1132  
608.836.4522 home

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**From:** Woodford, Ken <KWoodford@rwbaird.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:39 PM  
**To:** allalders@cityofmadison.org; All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull from the Agenda 115 Fighter Wing Resolution!

Pls pull from Agenda the resolution for the Madison 115th Fighter Wing.

Thanks,  
Ken Woodford, CFP®  
SVP | Baird | PWM  
P 608.830.3500

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**From:** Carol Garrity <carolgarrity0530@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Not cool Aldermen.

“It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak 115 fighter planes onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,”  
Shame on you.

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Carol Garrity

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dave Ruge <ruge53@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:23 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing resolution

Dear Alders,

Please remove the anti 115th fighter wing resolution from your meeting agenda!! It is B.S. that it made it into your agenda.

I 100% support the fighter wing and think would be horrendous to even consider making them leaving Madison.

Dave Ruge

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**From:** Scott Bartz <SBartz@smwlu18.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 resolution

I am sending this email expressing my opposition to the pending resolution that is apparently being introduced against the F-35's. I think that this is very wrong to be introducing this especially now under the circumstances that are going on with the Corona Virus pandemic. I along with every single one of my members that I have discussed this with are in full support of the 115<sup>th</sup> fighter wing and their families. I ask that this resolution be pulled from the agenda or vote it down.

*Scott Bartz*

*Business Representative*

*Sheet Metal Workers Local 18*

*Madison & Janesville Area's*

(608)576-3563

[sbartz@smwlu18.org](mailto:sbartz@smwlu18.org)



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**From:** rblotz@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35 Beddown

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Richard Blotz  
**Address:** 4714 Ferris Ave, Madison, WI 53716-1414  
**Phone:** 608-222-3453  
**Email:** rblotz@sbcglobal.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

I see the council is going to vote tonight to oppose the F-35 Beddown in Madison. How in good continence can you vote to appose a program that will bring 100,000,000 to Madison. I have lived in Madison since 1961 and in that time we have ALWAYS had fighter jets here! Use your heads for a change!



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Norm Sannes <norman.sannes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday 3/31 meeting  
  
**Importance:** High

I would like to speak in opposition to the common council's resolution concerning the F35 issue. Not being convinced that Tuesday night's format will work, I'd like this email read during the comment period.

1. The last minute introduction of this is pathetic. Although proper rules were followed, it wasn't until this weekend that the media picked up on it. What were you trying to hide.
2. F35 noise will not be significantly more than today's F16s. Back in the day when F102s flew at Truax, their noise was significantly louder. In fact, they occasionally broke the sound barrier when overflying the city. I can attest to that.
3. Has anyone taken a survey of the majority of their constituents? I can speak for District #3....an emphatic "NO." In my opinion, the sponsors of this resolution do not speak for the majority of residents in the city.

Thank you for your time.

**Norman Sannes**

5345 Queensbridge Rd, Madison, WI 608-695-3890

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**From:** Ann Brewer <annbrewer67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** F-35 proposal on City Council Meeting Tonight

Dear Alders:

I am upset that an agenda item opposing the F-35s being stationed at Truax field was placed on tonight's agenda. I was planning on attending this city council meeting, but due to the Covid-19 virus, this will not be possible. Being able to listen, but not comment is not a good solution. I am so disappointed that this was put on the agenda at the last minute. Please reconsider discussion and potential of passing a resolution to oppose this. It's unfair to try to pass this at a time where everybody's voice can't be heard. This is happening when people are distracted by much more important issues!!

Best regards,

Ann Brewer  
615 West Main Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
202-421-9583

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Donna Meinholz <djmcrm@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** All Alders

Support the F-35, please.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** sandyd.pelc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35A Environmental Impact Study: 77

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Sandy Pelc  
**Address:** 4178 Oak St, Mc Farland, WI 53558  
**Phone:** 906-396-4281  
**Email:** sandyd.pelc@gmail.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

I am requesting that you table the above agenda item until the current pandemic has subsided. At this very moment, our National Guardsmen and women are literally risking their own health and safety to help others in our state. Yesterday, our country had its first military member fatality due to this virus. The 115 has impact that reaches far beyond the small communities that you represent. It has a National mission in addition to a Wisconsin state-wide mission, and everyone's best interest needs to be considered. By holding this vote at this time, you are not only being disrespectful to our brave men and women of the National Guard, you are also creating an unnecessary distraction, and extra stress for them at a time when they need to be focused on a bigger picture. Please be more considerate of them.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** chuck harmon <chmkharmon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Support

Support the F-35 project! The 1500+ job holders that work there will thank you. They are there for all of us and need your support, especially in these difficult times.  
Charles Harmon

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steve Onken <steve.onken13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** All Alders

Vote yes to the new jets!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ryan Nechvatal <rnecher7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** anti 115th fighter wing resolution

Hi there, as I sit in my basement trying to work from home like most of the community I was just wondering if you guys could put your politics on hold for a bit and stop trying to sneak in your political agenda's while people are suffering. This is a disgrace.

Ryan Nechvatal

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Peter Stebbins <peters@fairwaymc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

Please take sny discussion on the F-35 situation from your agenda this evening-Tuesday March 31st. Thank you , Peter Stebbins

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone



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**From:** sjklink1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Anthony Klinkner  
**Subject:** F-35 Jets

We support the F-35 Jets being based in Madison. We promise, if our Alderperson votes against them they'll not get 2 votes from our house, if they run again.

Shirley and Jim Klinkner

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Bill P <dbpursell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 03/31/20 Madison, WI Common Council Resolution 60043

It has come to our attention that you have put Resolution 60043, that rejects the beddown of the F-35A at Truax Field, on this meetings agenda. Sponsors: ( Rebecca Kemble, Syed Abbas, Tag Evers, Grant Foster, Patrick W. Heck, Marsha A. Rummel, Lindsay Lemmer )

This attempt to sneak this resolution into the agenda of the 03/31/20 meeting that is closed to the public and a meeting that should be concerned with the outbreak and safe reaction to the COVID-19 virus is disgusting to say the least. Personal politics at it's cheapest!

If Madison and Dane County lose the Wisconsin Air National Guard 115 Fighter Wing at Truax the cost in jobs lost, 1200 and a large negative financial impact on both will be significant.

Please stick to dealing with the current health crisis and the financial hardships it will cause and don't create larger and much longer term ones.

William L. Pursell  
Deanne B. Pursell

Bill & Dee Pursell  
[dbpursell@gmail.com](mailto:dbpursell@gmail.com)

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**From:** Martin Kemps <martin.kemps@meadhunt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** F-35 Vote

It is not fair to vote on an anti-115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution when the country is going through a pandemic and not able to voice their opinion in public. Do not use a pandemic to further your agenda. This is highly unethical in my opinion.

Our economy needs the F-35 planes in Wisconsin as does our Country.

Marty Kemps  
Dane County  
Oregon, WI

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**From:** William Robbins <wrobbins05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th FW Update For Tuesday's adjenda

It is ironic that members of the Dane County and Madison civic leadership want to terminate the existence of the 115th Wisconsin National Guard Fighter Wing, currently located at the Truax Air Force Base. By denying the stationing of the F35 at this location, you will also be responsible in your vote to ask approximately 1500 highly educated and skilled taxpayers to leave our community. We will lose their participation in local retail shopping, their tax paying ability and their school children from participating in our local educational activities. How is this going to happen?

Simple - if the F35 is not stationed here in this community, the 115th Wing will cease to exist at this location. It may be retired, or moved to a different, more welcoming location. The highly skilled Guardsman and civilians who currently reside here will follow the stationing of the F35 to another state. The skills they have are in high demand, and without these specific jobs stationed here, there is no reason for these families to remain.

Who is going to replace the retail shopping and taxpaying abilities of these 1500 folks? How many students will be lost to the Madison, and Dane County school systems? These are bright kids, the type we need to have in our schools to help balance out the current social environment. Who is going to replace the taxes accrued from their presence in our community.

Better think this through, before you move ahead with what is an emotional decision, not one based upon facts.

My family, 6 voters domiciled in Dane County, will be watching your vote.

William, Chris, Jonathan, Aaron, Suzy and Grace Robbins

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**From:** Peter Anderson <peter.anderson@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support F-35s in Madison

Hello,

I ask you to oppose tonight's resolution against F-35s in Madison. Facing totalitarian regimes, the US needs F-35s. Further, it is as much Madison's responsibility to house them as anyplace else. Shunting them off to a rural area, as has been proposed, continues discrimination against the rural poor.

I live right under the current flight path of F-16s. The noise last for a moment. It is not much of a burden. I do not consider it an imposition.

Please vote against tonight's resolution and support the F-35s.

Thank you.

Peter Anderson

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**From:** David Westbury <David.westbury@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Squadron placement, Truax Field

Sent from my iPad. I fully support the stationing a squadron of F-35 jets at Truax Field. I believe the City Council resolution opposing the F-35 placement is wrong and consideration of said resolution should be delayed. Thank You.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ron Hahn <ronhahn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** I Support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing

I support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing.

I oppose the addition of an anti-F-35 agenda item on tonight's Madison City Council.

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

I support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing.

I oppose the addition of an anti-F-35 agenda item on tonight's Madison City Council.

Thank you,

Ron Hahn

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**From:** Adam Barr <adam@Madisonbiz.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Now isn't the time to revisit the F-35 debate  
**Attachments:** Key updates from the Final EIS

In the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency, we are all assessing what is essential. For the Chamber, we are working directly with the city around the clock to assist our community's response.

Supporting our businesses and their employees during this challenging time of uncertainty is essential. Providing immediate relief to help businesses survive this pandemic is essential.

A few Alders have decided that a resolution opposing the selection of Truax Field for next generation aircraft is essential, and that opposing the continuation of \$100 million in annual economic impact when our economy is taking such a devastating hit should be the city's priority. This, after bypassing the committee process, and after the public comment period closed more than 150 days ago.

The resolution would have you believe that nothing has changed since the Draft EIS. In fact, there have been significant updates since the end of the public comment period. **See attached.**

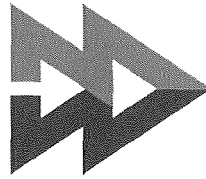
In a time when we look to our local leaders to unite us, a few are working to cause deeper division and distract from the urgent priorities facing our city. At best, this resolution is a disparaging statement to the hundreds of Guardsmen assisting our communities with essential supplies and services. At worst, this is a political maneuver to force a vote at a time when residents cannot easily be a part of the process.

Please send a message to your constituents about what is essential by opposing this resolution. If you feel the need to continue to create additional process on this matter, please put this debate on hold until a time when the public can fully participate, and so leaders can get back to the essential work of supporting our community during this crisis.

**ADAM BARR**  
Public Policy Manager  
Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce

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*Above all, stay healthy. We are all in this together. We appreciate the collaboration and, if you are able, we urge you to support Greater Madison businesses.*



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** John J. O'Connor <joconnor@Velcor.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Madam Mayor and Madison Alders,

As the world, our country, state and city battle the pandemic of Coronavirus, when we are all asked to stay at home, you have purposely decided to vote on the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution tonight when no one can attend your meeting. If no one can attend the meeting, how can the people of Madison voice their opinion? I find your actions so appalling and deceiving to the all the citizens of Madison and anyone who is currently or previously served in our military. What a slap in the face to the very people who provided you the freedom to hold such meetings. You should all be ashamed of your deceptive practices.

Please remove this vote from your agenda tonight to be fair to everyone in Madison. You have an opportunity to correct a huge error, I hope that you have to courage to do so.

Thank you.

**John O'Connor**

President

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**From:** Kathleen Cullen <kathleen.cullen54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing vote

I do not support moving forward with a vote tonight on the 115th Fighter Wing resolution. We have enough shenanigans going on at the Federal level and State level among our elected leaders. Lets not add our local leaders to the mix by adding in a last minute effort to vote behind what is bascially, closed doors. Have the vote when people can attend the meeting and be seen and heard.

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Kathleen Cullen  
947 Lawrence St Madison Wi 53715

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mike Koob <mike.koob@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor; Grant Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: F-35s

Good morning Mayor Rhodes-Conway, City of Madison Alders, and Mr. Foster,

I'm reaching out from Luke Air Force Base, Arizona to voice my opposition to resolution 77. I would like to see F-35s at my home unit, the 115th Fighter Wing (115FW) and I would appreciate your support too. I recently transitioned from being an F-16 pilot in the 115FW. I now fly the F-35 with the active duty USAF.

I reached out to Mr. Grant Foster last year while deployed to Afghanistan. (I met Grant seven years ago through a book club hosted by mutual friends.) My email to him (below) is my attempt to articulate the almost unimaginable opportunities the military offers young Americans of all races and social statuses. As the title of one article suggests, "If inequality is our problem, military service is the answer."

I'd write more, but I'm off to a simulator event. My instructor today is Maj Perez - he was born in Cuba and fled to America when he was 10. He was able to attend college for free and now flies the F-35.

Please feel free to contact me any time. I look forward to returning to my unit to fly the F-35 in 2023.

Mike "Germ" Koob  
Maj, USAF  
847-770-5288

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Mike Koob <mike.koob@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 7:03 PM  
**Subject:** F-35s  
**To:** Grant Foster <grantxyz@gmail.com>

Grant,

Hello from Afghanistan. Last night I watched nearly all of the 7+ hour council meeting where you voted on a resolution regarding F-35s in our city. While I respect your opinion on the matter and share your concern about noise, I am shocked that the Madison city council would consider blocking the F-35, effectively culling the future of the 115th Fighter Wing.

Despite its flaws, the military is a fantastic organization that unites members of all races, economic backgrounds, and genders in a common mission.<sup>[1]</sup> Military service is one of the last bastions of middle class social mobility. Today, men and women in uniform are some of the few members of the middle class capable of achieving the American dream.<sup>[2]</sup> What other organization would take an 18 year old with zero technical skills or work experience, teach him/her a trade (that often directly transfers into a post-military civilian career), offer a steady paycheck with uniforms, housing, and meals provided, and top it off with a post-service GI Bill that will pay 100% of their college degree and veteran status that will give them hiring preference in a civilian career?

You and I would probably both prefer to see the military instrument of power wielded less often than it has been recently. I'm on my 6<sup>th</sup> deployment in 12 years – Afghanistan, Djibouti, Japan, Kuwait/Iraq/Syria, Korea, and Afghanistan again. I've also had opportunity of representing our country on shorter trips to Iceland, Poland twice, Alaska twice, Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, and Qatar. Throughout all of these adventures I've had the privilege of serving alongside America's finest from every diverse corner of our nation.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Frederica Schuster <fschus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s

Greetings,

I completely and unequivocally support having the F-35s at Truax Field in Madison. Anyone alder who does not should be ashamed. The members of the Air Guard are part of our community and dedicated to selflessly serving their state and nation. How do I know? My dad was at Truax as a fighter pilot from 1958-1989. He was the base commander. He dedicated his life to protecting our state and nation. He coined their motto, "dedicated to excellence". This dedication to absolute excellence continues and anyone who opposes the F-35s has failed to educate themselves and is deliberately ignorant or deeply prejudiced and anti-military.

Truax field and the Dane County airport have been at their location in Madison for more than 60 years. Jet aircraft have been operating out of Truax for decades. Anyone who chose to live there within the past 50 years made this decision knowing this. The F-16s have been stationed there for 3 decades. Before that, the A-10 jets were stationed for close to 15 years. Meanwhile, the Dane County airport has expanded exponentially, serving businesses and travelers. The number of F 16 and proposed F 35 flights is minimal compared to regular airport traffic from 5 am-12 pm 7 days per week. And airport traffic in general is less impactful than highway traffic, metro buses, emergency vehicles, garbage trucks and construction noises that are the reality of living in a large metropolitan area because no one lives close to the airport as compared to living on a bus line or near a building construction site.

By way of background, my husband was in the Wis Army Guard for 36 years and after military retirement worked for Wisconsin veterans. He also dedicated his life to our community, state and nation. Guard members work full-time civilian jobs and also weekends and continuously further their education and training to support our democracy and safety. They take an oath.

Remember how we felt on 9/11, so afraid and vulnerable? The Guard was literally here to protect us. (I'm also old enough to remember the Cuban missile crisis and my dad being deployed to stay out at Truax on high alert.) Groups who oppose the F-35s come off as selfish, ignorant and prejudiced against the military and especially clueless about the role of the National Guard. We lived on the east side for 25 years and felt the anti-military sentiment and endured snide, snobby remarks. But we felt we led by example and educated people because they had no family history of military service and sacrifice.

I'm deeply ashamed of any alder who supports any resolution against having the F-35s at Truax in Madison. We should be proud and grateful to have the Air National Guard and the dedicated men and women who are willing to sacrifice their safety and lives for us. They are as much a part of our community as the healthcare and first responders battling COVID-19 and saving patients from death.

During this terrible pandemic, the last thing Madison needs is to appear to put noses in the air and say NIMBY regarding any first responder, of which the Guard is one. NY Guard members have been called to state duty. Some members are also doctors, nurses, deputies, fire fighters, police and paramedics who are putting their lives on the line as civilians as well. Many are business owners. We don't know where Wisconsin and Madison will be as far as the pandemic in the weeks to come. Please don't let small, vocal groups of self-centered, short-sighted, self-entitled people influence you with their ignorance and prejudice. They don't speak for me and I deserve to have my voice heard. Passing this despicable resolution is morally wrong.

Frederica Hoff Schuster  
Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** James A JIM Honer <hon2434@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Base

I favor the basing of the F-35 in Madison.

I am quarantined to my apartment or I would attend to speak for the basing.

James A Honer 8202 Highview Dr. apt 302  
Madison, WI 53719

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Marc Van Cleven <mvanclev@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Keep F-35s Here!!

You are not representing me those of you aldermen who wish to prevent the stationing of F35 fighter jets here in Madison. I live under the flight pattern approach to Traux. I see the F16s, and various airline planes coming and going. I have no objection to the momentary noise. It is typical of living in the city, any city in fact. As a taxpayer, I object to the potential loss of revenue that the city needs badly. I as a taxpayer also object to the loss of potential tax revenue from all of the businesses that would benefit the stationing of the F35s. If you as my aldermen go through this not representing me and my neighbors, we will work hard to elect someone who more clearly represents us

Thank you,

Marc Van Cleven

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** Ron Hoff <hoffron66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Item#77

I support the 115 th fighter wing and the f35 in Madison.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** woo10wd@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposition to tonight's meeting on #77

Alders,

I'm disappointed how this F-35 situation for 115FW is panning out. This upgrade to the 115FW is important! Trust me! I've flown both the F-15E and the F-16 in the Air Force for 17 years and flown with the F-35 in both Test and Operationally. This jet is the future! The Madison F-16 are some of the oldest in the fleet and need to be replaced.

I'm disappointed that in the midst of a public health emergency, and at a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, that the Madison alders would try to oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades. Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, but you are challenging them to divert their energies toward this charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision. Our Guardsmen and the City of Madison deserves better. Instead, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business and do this debate at a time where the correct people can represent the 115FW.

Thank you,  
Bill Wooten



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mike Sutor <mikesutor2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Keep them flying in Madison

I live in Deforest and those beautiful plane's fly over my house almost daily,I and my neighbors love it ,the noise doesn't both us at all,it's the sound of freedom and let's keep it that way. It's very ironic this has been the norm for decades and now all of sudden the noise is a bother to the African homeowner,why now? Do you realize you would put thousands of personal out of work,and the airport would because vacant. Thanks for your time. Mike Sutor. 608-445-8953

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Chardel Johnston <chardeljohnston@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** I oppose the #77 resolution to deny the 115th Fighter wing expansion at Truax

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Please allow this Fighter Wing Expansion to go through as Madison needs it for all it means to our city and country.

Thank you for counting my opposition to #77  
Chardel Johnston  
5220 1/2 Odana RD  
Madison, WI 53711

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*Chardel says "have a 'berry' blessed day!"*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Gary L Peterson <plannergary@sustainablegary.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Support the F-35

Hi: I am 80 years old and I do not need hearing aids. I grew up near the end of SW-NE runway. I was subjected to the noise of WW II air traffic and everything after that including the F-89s which were the worst. We don't need City Council opposition! We will do just fine with the noise and the great economic opportunities.

Thanks  
Gary Peterson, AICP

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Tammy Grunow <tgrunow3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

I support the 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Tammy Grunow

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**From:** Kathy Andes <kandes@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** City council vote on item #77

To whom it may and should concern:

It goes without saying that our community, state, country and around the globe are joining together to fight the coronavirus pandemic. With this in mind:

To know that our local officials (Madison city council) are acting in such a sneaky, non-transparent manner with tonight's vote concerning the 115th Fighter Wing is very disappointing. This is not the time to vote on such a resolution and robs all parties of an equal opportunity to discuss this issue. Public input is a right for everyone, regardless of what "side" of the argument it comes from.

Please follow the leadership of the County Board on this issue. Please do not bring this resolution to a vote at this time and wait until we (as a community) are not overwhelmed with taking care of our families and our community during this current crisis. Please do the right thing for the community.

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Scott Coolong <scoolong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

I support the F-35 jets why this Air Base since the 1930s my dad was stationed there I lived on Myrtle street growing up as a kid always loved watching the jets taking off and landing. Losing the Airbase at Truax would be a major blow to the city of Madison that's a lot of \$\$\$\$ to lose! The people that live by the Air Base knew what they were getting into when they moved there if is that bad they would of moved out of the area when the F16s started arriving 1992 and any one else that moved to the east side of Madison 90s through till now ! Please reconsider and think about what you are about to do....

Thank you Scott

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**From:** Luke D <c00lhand208@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull anti-115FW resolution.

Disappointed.

Please stop with the political agenda.

- Luke

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Andrew Berens <aberens@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Lemmer, Lindsay  
**Subject:** What are you thinking?

Good afternoon,

I'm Andrew K Berens and reside at 6621 Carlton Drive, Madison, 53718. I have lived at this address for almost 20 years.

I am writing in support of the new aircraft for 115th Fighter Wing. Continuing their presence in the Madison area is highly beneficial to our community in a number of ways, from financial (airport support), to personnel (visitors to our area), to equipment availability (in the case of national emergencies).

I fully understand that the Madison City Council is well known to voice their extreme political positions. However, in this case and at this time, I think this effort is a huge mistake for the well being of our community.

I stand in strong opposition of the proposed 115th resolution!!

-Andy



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Wayne Harris <wayneh@6ammarketing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35's

Dear Alders

I think your move to vote against wanting the F-35's at Truax is not in the best interest of the City of Madison. You are bringing this resolution to the floor without referring it to committee and without public notice. In a time when we are faced with a pandemic and people's lives are at stake, to bypass good procedure for the interest of few, is not in our city's best interest.

I also feel strongly that the 1200 folks that eventually will lose their jobs or be displaced is being glossed over. As a city we were very upset when we lost the Oscar Mayer jobs or when any large business closes up. Yet, the Council's action here is basically saying that these jobs are expendable and these folks and their families can go elsewhere.

I would encourage you as alders to think about what is best for the whole city and all of its residents.

Thank you,

Wayne Harris  
5606 Lake Mendota Dr  
Madison, Wi 53705

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**From:** shannon.lory@archvirtual.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

City of Madison,

Please know I am not in support of the anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution. I know several pilots in my community with whom I admire and respect. Their service is invaluable. To block their service is irreprehensible at both a state and national level. These women and men, along with the residents of our community (and country), deserve better from the great state of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lory  
Partner | Arch Virtual  
608.598.9688

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**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:06 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Fwd: Approved Agenda March 31, 2020 Common Council Meeting

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Date:** March 29, 2020 at 11:22:27 AM CDT  
**To:** Terry Woodward <terryamw@me.com>

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**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** [allalders@cityofmadison.com](mailto:allalders@cityofmadison.com)  
**Cc:** [mayor@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mayor@cityofmadison.com)

All Alders Madison Common Council:

In reference to Item #77 Pg. 33, Approved Agenda for March 31, 2020 Common council Meeting, Resolution 60043: Please move to delay further action on this resolution until full public comment from all sides, pro and con, of the entire community may be heard on the issue. Without stating an opinion about it I'm asking you to realize the subject does not belong with others on the agenda. This is not about supporting "Earth Day", zoning revision or awarding contracts. It is of high concern for the entire City and deserves a fair, accessible and public hearing so all sides can have a chance to be heard and go away with the satisfaction that they were heard. Give us a chance to look forward to happier times when we may interact in a normal Community way. Thank you for your consideration.

William Larsen. 109 Belmont RD. Madison WI

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**From:** lwbusdrvr@charter.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposal #77; F-35A Environmental Impact Study

I urge you to vote against proposal #77; F-35A at tonight's Madison's City Council meeting for the following reasons:

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeannette Williamsen  
2188 US Highway 51  
Stoughton, WI 53589  
608-873-8677

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** mark fryman <sportsking79@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please support our Sons & Daughters, who have served by deploying to many countries to protect all of us. Having the 115th Fighter Wing and the F35s we need to protect us in these crazy times. These airman will be there whenever we need them. They have been there sandbagging in Madison with flooding even in Madison. These Airman are on the ground for all of us. My Son is full time in Madison and served in Iraq, South Korea and many other places. He served for all of us so we could feel safe at home, please now support the 115th for what he did for all of us. Laurie Fryman (Mom)

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Pau Xiong <xiongpau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposing the F-35s

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to please withdraw your consideration in allowing the F-35's into Madison, WI. The F-35's will introduce more environmental impacts and harm our waters and soil, disproportionately effect people who are low-income, including minorities and children.

More than ever we need funding for other, and better uses and the costs of 18 F-35's are excessive, and which are about the same as 80,000 ventilators!

I have hope and believe you'll do the right thing for Madison, and our community.

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All the best,

Pau Xiong

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Linda Gerke <lindaegerke@usfamily.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:07 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** 'Linda Gerke'  
**Subject:** March 31, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda

**All Alders:**

**Following are Agenda Items I wish to address to you and hopefully your full consideration:**

**59645 – LGBTQ+ Rainbow Street Murals - I do not support the LGLBTQ+ murals to be painted on a few of our street intersections. We are and *have been an all-inclusive city* for a very long time! I don't have a problem with the lifestyle – people can live and do what they want – but we don't need reminders with street paintings. More accidents, you can be sure! It says the money is donated and won't cost taxpayers; what about when they need to be repainted or will they just be left to fade like many of our crosswalk and lane markings are now. Just wondering.**

**59710 – I do not support sending any of our officers to help Milwaukee with the DNC convention. We have need for them right here in Madison and they will be in harm's way there too. Have you all read the 132 pages attached to the agenda? Be careful what you agree to. I am an independent voter – party affiliation has nothing to do with it. Milwaukee gets their subsidies; they most certainly knew it would cost them money and extra law enforcement to host it. Not even \$1 of our city tax \$'s should be used for that. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS.**

**60043 –PLEASE SUPPORT THE F35'S COMING TO MADISON! There is absolutely no reason not to support this. Truax Field was there long before the east side was so built up. Anyone who moved there knew there was a military base housed there. I hear the planes fly over – we are and will be protected – we should be grateful. This will help our economy – can't understand why some folks can't see that.**

**Please be careful with our tax dollars. Our mayor seems to have other things on this agenda too, please don't give her office open season on spending. You've already given her office a person to report back on police business – does not show support for our folks in blue. That was a disappointing vote for me and many other tax payers.**

**Please stay well everyone. We are in strange and challenging times, never in our lifetime will we encounter this again, because if there is a next time, we will know how to handle it,**

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Robert Fredenberg <robert.fredenberg@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I oppose the Madison Common Council Agenda item #77 tonight

Sneaky business is bad business,

Please continue to maintain a focused effort in supporting and leading the overarching needs of your community during this unsettling time. Agenda item #77 seems to take advantage of a vulnerable population during an unfortunate state of emergency where many of the F-35 supporters are unable to represent due to State Governor activation or other agile response to maintaining our states missions as the environment abruptly changes. Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future existence and support of our State National Guard and the local community growth it stimulates. The City of Madison and our Guardsmen deserve better than to be distracted with matters that have previously been dealt with on fair and even grounds.

Respectfully,  
Robert Fredenberg



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Jean Atkins <bozita666@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** The anti-115th Fighter Wing resolution 3/31/2020

I find it deplorable for the council to address this issue during the COVID-19 crisis. While your constituents are making sacrifices to keep our great state and country safe, you are covertly attempting to undermine our civic right for representation.

I am an ardent supporter of the F-35 fighter jets coming to Madison. Not only does having them here positively affect our economy, but in this time of crisis it is obvious that our military members are extremely valuable to assist wherever and whenever needed. While this may be one battle that they are not fighting at the front-line as are our Healthcare Professionals, their value cannot be underestimated.

Please consider only addressing those issues tonight that truly are for the good of all those you represent, not the 115th Fighter Wing resolution which has no business being discussed while we are actively fighting another type of war.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jean Atkins

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Terry Woodward <terryamw@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** IN SUPPORT OF THE 115th FIGHTER WING

Mayor and City of Madison Alders,

I am appalled, that at a time when our City and State should be focusing on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, that the Council seems more concerned to push through agenda Item 77 without due process. What happened to public notice and participation? I am opposed to this resolution, but I am also opposed to the course of action, or lack of, that the Council has taken regarding the resolution. It is immoral and unethical that these proceedings are being held while our Airmen and Guard Members are deployed, putting their lives on the line for us, and are unable to participate in the process.

I live on the near East side of Madison. Our home is in flight paths of commercial jets out of Dane County Regional Airport and aircraft (jets and helicopters) from Truax Field. To me, the noise criticism of the F-35s is convenient and unsubstantiated. I know from more than 25 years living here, that commercial flights create deeper, louder and longer noise than the F-16s. Due to their speed, the F-16s have a much shorter interval (seconds) of loud noise from their engines as they pass over. It also doesn't occur multiple times a day as with commercial flights. Commercial air traffic noise is every day, all day, beginning at 6:00 a.m. until the last evening flight (after 8pm). It is a deeper and more prolonged, enough to rattle windows. You can't complain about one and not the other. Neither annoys me. I chose to live here. It's a byproduct of living in an urban area.

What are the potential long-term economic impacts regarding our Air National Guard, Truax Field and the military jets? The F-16s are approaching the end of their service life. Without the 115th Fighter Wing mission, what does that bode for us and them and the City of Madison, WI?

Tonight's meeting is not the time or place for this last minute agenda item. The Resolution needs to be brought to the public for participation and deliberation, but after we focus our attention on the essential business of the COVID-19 crisis and our public health. This should be the business at hand for all of us.

Thank you,  
Terry Woodward

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** rbstarrett <rbstarrett@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Agenda #77

Shame on you for sneaking this in to tonight's meeting knowing full well that we cannot appear in person. The 115th Fighter wing would be an excellent addition to Madison. This would be a big boost to Madison's image. Thank you. Bonni K Starrett

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steve Magyera <stevemags@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Let's see...

...how much you can still screw up in this city while not even meeting in person.

The Air Force doesn't care about your little resolution to oppose.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** horans@tds.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-30 jets at Truax

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Richard Horan  
**Address:** 9 Windhaven Cir, Madison, WI 53717-1044  
**Phone:** 608-695-4858  
**Email:** horans@tds.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

I am in favor of the addition of the F-30 jets to Truax. Depending on the direction of the take off of commercial jets there is still noise so I don't worry about a change. The F-30 jets are able to protect the Chicago Area which is more likely to get attacked. Having the jets with strike distance by being in Madison makes sense from a national defense standpoint. Closing down Truax does not make me feel secure. Hearing the F-16 jets take off does make me feel secure Please let them come to Madison.

**From:** Julie Allord <jallord@thebenefitworks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 vote - being rushed into the agenda tonight

To All Alders – I find your actions unconscionable and reprehensible and totally without conscience. That the Madison City Council would sneak this into their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis. This fighter wing is so important to our protection as Americans living here in Madison. It serves such a larger purpose in the scope of our regional safety, the country and the world. If you think for one moment that a little bit of noise, (which the F-14 already contribute) is too much to ask for our safety then perhaps med-flight over my house should cease too! We are in the flight path but this is not an issue and never has been. Those poor souls in that chopper need it more than I need my peace and quiet. When I see the fighters take off – my pride as an American swells slightly and frankly, I feel gratitude and feel safer. They protect us in so many ways other than tactical issues. Take the Covid-19 crisis you are hiding behind. – They are there helping in every way they can and you are taking cowardly advantage of it.

I cannot believe in the middle of this medical crisis you have the gall to hide this in your agenda and sneak this in. Who has your back in this crisis – take a look across the airstrip next time you go to Dane County Regional Airport – there is your answer – OUR / YOUR brave fighting men and women.

*Julie Allord*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Pete Hagen <pete@hs3games.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

What a gutless move to sneak the f-35 resolution in at the last minute during a meeting where the public is not allowed to comment in person. All while national guard troops around the country are risking their lives to help fight an epidemic. Unbelievable.

I fully support the stationing of f-35 at truax field.

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Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Carol Garrity <carolgarrity0530@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Not cool Aldermen.

“It is unconscionable that the Madison City Council would sneak 115 fighter planes onto their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis,”  
Shame on you.

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Carol Garrity



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Dave Ruge <ruge53@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:23 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th fighter wing resolution

Dear Alders,

Please remove the anti 115th fighter wing resolution from your meeting agenda!! It is B.S. that it made it into your agenda.

I 100% support the fighter wing and think would be horrendous to even consider making them leaving Madison.

Dave Ruge

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Scott Bartz <SBartz@smwlu18.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 resolution

I am sending this email expressing my opposition to the pending resolution that is apparently being introduced against the F-35's. I think that this is very wrong to be introducing this especially now under the circumstances that are going on with the Corona Virus pandemic. I along with every single one of my members that I have discussed this with are in full support of the 115<sup>th</sup> fighter wing and their families. I ask that this resolution be pulled from the agenda or vote it down.

*Scott Bartz*

*Business Representative*

*Sheet Metal Workers Local 18*

*Madison & Janesville Area's*

(608)576-3563

[sbartz@smwlu18.org](mailto:sbartz@smwlu18.org)



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**From:** rblotz@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35 Beddown

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Richard Blotz  
**Address:** 4714 Ferris Ave, Madison, WI 53716-1414  
**Phone:** 608-222-3453  
**Email:** rblotz@sbcglobal.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** Yes, by email

**Message:**

I see the council is going to vote tonight to oppose the F-35 Beddown in Madison. How in good continence can you vote to appose a program that will bring 100,000,000 to Madison. I have lived in Madison since 1961 and in that time we have ALWAYS had fighter jets here! Use your heads for a change!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Norm Sannes <norman.sannes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday 3/31 meeting  
  
**Importance:** High

I would like to speak in opposition to the common council's resolution concerning the F35 issue. Not being convinced that Tuesday night's format will work, I'd like this email read during the comment period.

1. The last minute introduction of this is pathetic. Although proper rules were followed, it wasn't until this weekend that the media picked up on it. What were you trying to hide.
2. F35 noise will not be significantly more than today's F16s. Back in the day when F102s flew at Truax, their noise was significantly louder. In fact, they occasionally broke the sound barrier when overflying the city. I can attest to that.
3. Has anyone taken a survey of the majority of their constituents? I can speak for District #3....an emphatic "NO." In my opinion, the sponsors of this resolution do not speak for the majority of residents in the city.

Thank you for your time.

**Norman Sannes**

5345 Queensbridge Rd, Madison, WI 608-695-3890

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ann Brewer <annbrewer67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** F-35 proposal on City Council Meeting Tonight

Dear Alders:

I am upset that an agenda item opposing the F-35s being stationed at Truax field was placed on tonight's agenda. I was planning on attending this city council meeting, but due to the Covid-19 virus, this will not be possible. Being able to listen, but not comment is not a good solution. I am so disappointed that this was put on the agenda at the last minute. Please reconsider discussion and potential of passing a resolution to oppose this. It's unfair to try to pass this at a time where everybody's voice can't be heard. This is happening when people are distracted by much more important issues!!

Best regards,

Ann Brewer  
615 West Main Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
202-421-9583

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Donna Meinholz <djmcrm@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** All Alders

Support the F-35, please.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** sandyd.pelc@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-35A Environmental Impact Study: 77

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Sandy Pelc  
**Address:** 4178 Oak St, Mc Farland, WI 53558  
**Phone:** 906-396-4281  
**Email:** sandyd.pelc@gmail.com

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

I am requesting that you table the above agenda item until the current pandemic has subsided. At this very moment, our National Guardsmen and women are literally risking their own health and safety to help others in our state. Yesterday, our country had its first military member fatality due to this virus. The 115 has impact that reaches far beyond the small communities that you represent. It has a National mission in addition to a Wisconsin state-wide mission, and everyone's best interest needs to be considered. By holding this vote at this time, you are not only being disrespectful to our brave men and women of the National Guard, you are also creating an unnecessary distraction, and extra stress for them at a time when they need to be focused on a bigger picture. Please be more considerate of them.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** chuck harmon <chmkharmon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Support

Support the F-35 project! The 1500+ job holders that work there will thank you. They are there for all of us and need your support, especially in these difficult times.  
Charles Harmon



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Steve Onken <steve.onken13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** All Alders

Vote yes to the new jets!

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ryan Nechvatal <rnecher7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** anti 115th fighter wing resolution

Hi there, as I sit in my basement trying to work from home like most of the community I was just wondering if you guys could put your politics on hold for a bit and stop trying to sneak in your political agenda's while people are suffering. This is a disgrace.

Ryan Nechvatal

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Peter Stebbins <peters@fairwaymc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

Please take sny discussion on the F-35 situation from your agenda this evening-Tuesday March 31st. Thank you , Peter Stebbins

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** sjklink1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Anthony Klinkner  
**Subject:** F-35 Jets

We support the F-35 Jets being based in Madison. We promise, if our Alderperson votes against them they'll not get 2 votes from our house, if they run again.

Shirley and Jim Klinkner

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Bill P <dbpursell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 03/31/20 Madison, WI Common Council Resolution 60043

It has come to our attention that you have put Resolution 60043, that rejects the beddown of the F-35A at Truax Field, on this meetings agenda. Sponsors: ( Rebecca Kemble, Syed Abbas, Tag Evers, Grant Foster, Patrick W. Heck, Marsha A. Rummel, Lindsay Lemmer )

This attempt to sneak this resolution into the agenda of the 03/31/20 meeting that is closed to the public and a meeting that should be concerned with the outbreak and safe reaction to the COVID-19 virus is disgusting to say the least. Personal politics at it's cheapest!

If Madison and Dane County lose the Wisconsin Air National Guard 115 Fighter Wing at Truax the cost in jobs lost, 1200 and a large negative financial impact on both will be significant.

Please stick to dealing with the current health crisis and the financial hardships it will cause and don't create larger and much longer term ones.

William L. Pursell  
Deanne B. Pursell

Bill & Dee Pursell  
[dbpursell@gmail.com](mailto:dbpursell@gmail.com)

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Martin Kemps <martin.kemps@meadhunt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** F-35 Vote

It is not fair to vote on an anti-115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution when the country is going through a pandemic and not able to voice their opinion in public. Do not use a pandemic to further your agenda. This is highly unethical in my opinion.

Our economy needs the F-35 planes in Wisconsin as does our Country.

Marty Kemps  
Dane County  
Oregon, WI

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**From:** William Robbins <wrobbins05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th FW Update For Tuesday's adjenda

It is ironic that members of the Dane County and Madison civic leadership want to terminate the existence of the 115th Wisconsin National Guard Fighter Wing, currently located at the Truax Air Force Base. By denying the stationing of the F35 at this location, you will also be responsible in your vote to ask approximately 1500 highly educated and skilled taxpayers to leave our community. We will lose their participation in local retail shopping, their tax paying ability and their school children from participating in our local educational activities. How is this going to happen?

Simple - if the F35 is not stationed here in this community, the 115th Wing will cease to exist at this location. It may be retired, or moved to a different, more welcoming location. The highly skilled Guardsman and civilians who currently reside here will follow the stationing of the F35 to another state. The skills they have are in high demand, and without these specific jobs stationed here, there is no reason for these families to remain.

Who is going to replace the retail shopping and taxpaying abilities of these 1500 folks? How many students will be lost to the Madison, and Dane County school systems? These are bright kids, the type we need to have in our schools to help balance out the current social environment. Who is going to replace the taxes accrued from their presence in our community.

Better think this through, before you move ahead with what is an emotional decision, not one based upon facts.

My family, 6 voters domiciled in Dane County, will be watching your vote.

William, Chris, Jonathan, Aaron, Suzy and Grace Robbins

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Peter Anderson <peter.anderson@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support F-35s in Madison

Hello,

I ask you to oppose tonight's resolution against F-35s in Madison. Facing totalitarian regimes, the US needs F-35s. Further, it is as much Madison's responsibility to house them as anyplace else. Shunting them off to a rural area, as has been proposed, continues discrimination against the rural poor.

I live right under the current flight path of F-16s. The noise last for a moment. It is not much of a burden. I do not consider it an imposition.

Please vote against tonight's resolution and support the F-35s.

Thank you.

Peter Anderson



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** David Westbury <David.westbury@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Squadron placement, Truax Field

Sent from my iPad. I fully support the stationing a squadron of F-35 jets at Truax Field. I believe the City Council resolution opposing the F-35 placement is wrong and consideration of said resolution should be delayed. Thank You.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Ron Hahn <ronhahn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** I Support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing

I support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing.

I oppose the addition of an anti-F-35 agenda item on tonight's Madison City Council.

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

I support the effort to bring F-35's to Madison's 115th Fighter Wing.

I oppose the addition of an anti-F-35 agenda item on tonight's Madison City Council.

Thank you,

Ron Hahn

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Adam Barr <adam@Madisonbiz.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Now isn't the time to revisit the F-35 debate  
**Attachments:** Key updates from the Final EIS

In the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency, we are all assessing what is essential. For the Chamber, we are working directly with the city around the clock to assist our community's response.

Supporting our businesses and their employees during this challenging time of uncertainty is essential. Providing immediate relief to help businesses survive this pandemic is essential.

A few Alders have decided that a resolution opposing the selection of Truax Field for next generation aircraft is essential, and that opposing the continuation of \$100 million in annual economic impact when our economy is taking such a devastating hit should be the city's priority. This, after bypassing the committee process, and after the public comment period closed more than 150 days ago.

The resolution would have you believe that nothing has changed since the Draft EIS. In fact, there have been significant updates since the end of the public comment period. **See attached.**

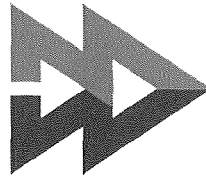
In a time when we look to our local leaders to unite us, a few are working to cause deeper division and distract from the urgent priorities facing our city. At best, this resolution is a disparaging statement to the hundreds of Guardsmen assisting our communities with essential supplies and services. At worst, this is a political maneuver to force a vote at a time when residents cannot easily be a part of the process.

Please send a message to your constituents about what is essential by opposing this resolution. If you feel the need to continue to create additional process on this matter, please put this debate on hold until a time when the public can fully participate, and so leaders can get back to the essential work of supporting our community during this crisis.

**ADAM BARR**  
Public Policy Manager  
Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce

adam@madisonbiz.com  
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CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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*The Greater Madison Chamber team is working remotely to serve you. We are here to help you navigate the rapidly changing business landscape of COVID-19. We are responding to emails and calls as we would regularly and can be reached during our normal business hours. Staff contacts can be found [here](#) or you can email our general inbox.*

*We have launched a virtual portal for employers to be able to submit questions related to COVID-19 and its impact on business. To submit or vote up questions, visit [Slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and enter the event code #ASK4BIZ or simply click [here](#) to be directed to that page. Questions can also be submitted via email at [ask@madisonbiz.com](mailto:ask@madisonbiz.com). We will post responses on the Chamber's website [here](#).*

*Above all, stay healthy. We are all in this together. We appreciate the collaboration and, if you are able, we urge you to support Greater Madison businesses.*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** John J. O'Connor <joconnor@Velcor.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Madam Mayor and Madison Alders,

As the world, our country, state and city battle the pandemic of Coronavirus, when we are all asked to stay at home, you have purposely decided to vote on the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Resolution tonight when no one can attend your meeting. If no one can attend the meeting, how can the people of Madison voice their opinion? I find your actions so appalling and deceiving to the all the citizens of Madison and anyone who is currently or previously served in our military. What a slap in the face to the very people who provided you the freedom to hold such meetings. You should all be ashamed of your deceptive practices.

Please remove this vote from your agenda tonight to be fair to everyone in Madison. You have an opportunity to correct a huge error, I hope that you have to courage to do so.

Thank you.

**John O'Connor**

President

**Velcor Leasing Corporation**

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[joconnor@velcor.com](mailto:joconnor@velcor.com)

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**From:** Kathleen Cullen <kathleen.cullen54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing vote

I do not support moving forward with a vote tonight on the 115th Fighter Wing resolution. We have enough shenanigans going on at the Federal level and State level among our elected leaders. Lets not add our local leaders to the mix by adding in a last minute effort to vote behind what is bascially, closed doors. Have the vote when people can attend the meeting and be seen and heard.

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Kathleen Cullen  
947 Lawrence St Madison Wi 53715

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mike Koob <mike.koob@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor; Grant Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: F-35s

Good morning Mayor Rhodes-Conway, City of Madison Alders, and Mr. Foster,

I'm reaching out from Luke Air Force Base, Arizona to voice my opposition to resolution 77. I would like to see F-35s at my home unit, the 115th Fighter Wing (115FW) and I would appreciate your support too. I recently transitioned from being an F-16 pilot in the 115FW. I now fly the F-35 with the active duty USAF.

I reached out to Mr. Grant Foster last year while deployed to Afghanistan. (I met Grant seven years ago through a book club hosted by mutual friends.) My email to him (below) is my attempt to articulate the almost unimaginable opportunities the military offers young Americans of all races and social statuses. As the title of one article suggests, "If inequality is our problem, military service is the answer."

I'd write more, but I'm off to a simulator event. My instructor today is Maj Perez - he was born in Cuba and fled to America when he was 10. He was able to attend college for free and now flies the F-35.

Please feel free to contact me any time. I look forward to returning to my unit to fly the F-35 in 2023.

Mike "Germ" Koob  
Maj, USAF  
847-770-5288

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Mike Koob <mike.koob@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 7:03 PM  
**Subject:** F-35s  
**To:** Grant Foster <grantxyz@gmail.com>

Grant,

Hello from Afghanistan. Last night I watched nearly all of the 7+ hour council meeting where you voted on a resolution regarding F-35s in our city. While I respect your opinion on the matter and share your concern about noise, I am shocked that the Madison city council would consider blocking the F-35, effectively culling the future of the 115th Fighter Wing.

Despite its flaws, the military is a fantastic organization that unites members of all races, economic backgrounds, and genders in a common mission.<sup>[1]</sup> Military service is one of the last bastions of middle class social mobility. Today, men and women in uniform are some of the few members of the middle class capable of achieving the American dream.<sup>[2]</sup> What other organization would take an 18 year old with zero technical skills or work experience, teach him/her a trade (that often directly transfers into a post-military civilian career), offer a steady paycheck with uniforms, housing, and meals provided, and top it off with a post-service GI Bill that will pay 100% of their college degree and veteran status that will give them hiring preference in a civilian career?

You and I would probably both prefer to see the military instrument of power wielded less often than it has been recently. I'm on my 6<sup>th</sup> deployment in 12 years – Afghanistan, Djibouti, Japan, Kuwait/Iraq/Syria, Korea, and Afghanistan again. I've also had opportunity of representing our country on shorter trips to Iceland, Poland twice, Alaska twice, Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, and Qatar. Throughout all of these adventures I've had the privilege of serving alongside America's finest from every diverse corner of our nation.

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Frederica Schuster <fschus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s

Greetings,

I completely and unequivocally support having the F-35s at Truax Field in Madison. Anyone alder who does not should be ashamed. The members of the Air Guard are part of our community and dedicated to selflessly serving their state and nation. How do I know? My dad was at Truax as a fighter pilot from 1958-1989. He was the base commander. He dedicated his life to protecting our state and nation. He coined their motto, "dedicated to excellence". This dedication to absolute excellence continues and anyone who opposes the F-35s has failed to educate themselves and is deliberately ignorant or deeply prejudiced and anti-military.

Truax field and the Dane County airport have been at their location in Madison for more than 60 years. Jet aircraft have been operating out of Truax for decades. Anyone who chose to live there within the past 50 years made this decision knowing this. The F-16s have been stationed there for 3 decades. Before that, the A-10 jets were stationed for close to 15 years. Meanwhile, the Dane County airport has expanded exponentially, serving businesses and travelers. The number of F 16 and proposed F 35 flights is minimal compared to regular airport traffic from 5 am-12 pm 7 days per week. And airport traffic in general is less impactful than highway traffic, metro buses, emergency vehicles, garbage trucks and construction noises that are the reality of living in a large metropolitan area because no one lives close to the airport as compared to living on a bus line or near a building construction site.

By way of background, my husband was in the Wis Army Guard for 36 years and after military retirement worked for Wisconsin veterans. He also dedicated his life to our community, state and nation. Guard members work full-time civilian jobs and also weekends and continuously further their education and training to support our democracy and safety. They take an oath.

Remember how we felt on 9/11, so afraid and vulnerable? The Guard was literally here to protect us. (I'm also old enough to remember the Cuban missile crisis and my dad being deployed to stay out at Truax on high alert.) Groups who oppose the F-35s come off as selfish, ignorant and prejudiced against the military and especially clueless about the role of the National Guard. We lived on the east side for 25 years and felt the anti-military sentiment and endured snide, snobby remarks. But we felt we led by example and educated people because they had no family history of military service and sacrifice.

I'm deeply ashamed of any alder who supports any resolution against having the F-35s at Truax in Madison. We should be proud and grateful to have the Air National Guard and the dedicated men and women who are willing to sacrifice their safety and lives for us. They are as much a part of our community as the healthcare and first responders battling COVID-19 and saving patients from death.

During this terrible pandemic, the last thing Madison needs is to appear to put noses in the air and say NIMBY regarding any first responder, of which the Guard is one. NY Guard members have been called to state duty. Some members are also doctors, nurses, deputies, fire fighters, police and paramedics who are putting their lives on the line as civilians as well. Many are business owners. We don't know where Wisconsin and Madison will be as far as the pandemic in the weeks to come. Please don't let small, vocal groups of self-centered, short-sighted, self-entitled people influence you with their ignorance and prejudice. They don't speak for me and I deserve to have my voice heard. Passing this despicable resolution is morally wrong.

Frederica Hoff Schuster  
Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** James A JIM Honer <hon2434@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 Base

I favor the basing of the F-35 in Madison.

I am quarantined to my apartment or I would attend to speak for the basing.

James A Honer 8202 Highview Dr. apt 302  
Madison, WI 53719



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Marc Van Cleven <mvanclev@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Keep F-35s Here!!

You are not representing me those of you aldermen who wish to prevent the stationing of F35 fighter jets here in Madison. I live under the flight pattern approach to Traux. I see the F16s, and various airline planes coming and going. I have no objection to the momentary noise. It is typical of living in the city, any city in fact. As a taxpayer, I object to the potential loss of revenue that the city needs badly. I as a taxpayer also object to the loss of potential tax revenue from all of the businesses that would benefit the stationing of the F35s. If you as my aldermen go through this not representing me and my neighbors, we will work hard to elect someone who more clearly represents us

Thank you,

Marc Van Cleven

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** Ron Hoff <hoffron66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Item#77

I support the 115 th fighter wing and the f35 in Madison.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** woo10wd@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposition to tonight's meeting on #77

Alders,

I'm disappointed how this F-35 situation for 115FW is panning out. This upgrade to the 115FW is important! Trust me! I've flown both the F-15E and the F-16 in the Air Force for 17 years and flown with the F-35 in both Test and Operationally. This jet is the future! The Madison F-16 are some of the oldest in the fleet and need to be replaced.

I'm disappointed that in the midst of a public health emergency, and at a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, that the Madison alders would try to oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades. Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, but you are challenging them to divert their energies toward this charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision. Our Guardsmen and the City of Madison deserves better. Instead, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business and do this debate at a time where the correct people can represent the 115FW.

Thank you,  
Bill Wooten

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Mike Sutor <mikesutor2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Keep them flying in Madison

I live in Deforest and those beautiful plane's fly over my house almost daily,I and my neighbors love it ,the noise doesn't both us at all,it's the sound of freedom and let's keep it that way. It's very ironic this has been the norm for decades and now all of sudden the noise is a bother to the African homeowner,why now? Do you realize you would put thousands of personal out of work,and the airport would because vacant. Thanks for your time. Mike Sutor. 608-445-8953

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Chardel Johnston <chardeljohnston@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** I oppose the #77 resolution to deny the 115th Fighter wing expansion at Truax

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Please allow this Fighter Wing Expansion to go through as Madison needs it for all it means to our city and country.

Thank you for counting my opposition to #77  
Chardel Johnston  
5220 1/2 Odana RD  
Madison, WI 53711

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*Chardel says "have a 'berry' blessed day!"*

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Gary L Peterson <plannergary@sustainablegary.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Support the F-35

Hi: I am 80 years old and I do not need hearing aids. I grew up near the end of SW-NE runway. I was subjected to the noise of WW II air traffic and everything after that including the F-89s which were the worst. We don't need City Council opposition! We will do just fine with the noise and the great economic opportunities.

Thanks  
Gary Peterson, AICP

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Tammy Grunow <tgrunow3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

I support the 115th Fighter Wing Resolution

Tammy Grunow

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**From:** Kathy Andes <kandes@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** City council vote on item #77

To whom it may and should concern:

It goes without saying that our community, state, country and around the globe are joining together to fight the coronavirus pandemic. With this in mind:

To know that our local officials (Madison city council) are acting in such a sneaky, non-transparent manner with tonight's vote concerning the 115th Fighter Wing is very disappointing. This is not the time to vote on such a resolution and robs all parties of an equal opportunity to discuss this issue. Public input is a right for everyone, regardless of what "side" of the argument it comes from.

Please follow the leadership of the County Board on this issue. Please do not bring this resolution to a vote at this time and wait until we (as a community) are not overwhelmed with taking care of our families and our community during this current crisis. Please do the right thing for the community.

Sent from my iPhone



Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Scott Coolong <scoolong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

I support the F-35 jets why this Air Base since the 1930s my dad was stationed there I lived on Myrtle street growing up as a kid always loved watching the jets taking off and landing. Losing the Airbase at Truax would be a major blow to the city of Madison that's a lot of \$\$\$\$ to lose! The people that live by the Air Base knew what they were getting into when they moved there if is that bad they would of moved out of the area when the F16s started arriving 1992 and any one else that moved to the east side of Madison 90s through till now ! Please reconsider and think about what you are about to do....

Thank you Scott

Veldran, Lisa

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**From:** Luke D <c00lhand208@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Pull anti-115FW resolution.

Disappointed.

Please stop with the political agenda.

- Luke

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**From:** Andrew Berens <aberens@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Lemmer, Lindsay  
**Subject:** What are you thinking?

Good afternoon,

I'm Andrew K Berens and reside at 6621 Carlton Drive, Madison, 53718. I have lived at this address for almost 20 years.

I am writing in support of the new aircraft for 115th Fighter Wing. Continuing their presence in the Madison area is highly beneficial to our community in a number of ways, from financial (airport support), to personnel (visitors to our area), to equipment availability (in the case of national emergencies).

I fully understand that the Madison City Council is well known to voice their extreme political positions. However, in this case and at this time, I think this effort is a huge mistake for the well being of our community.

I stand in strong opposition of the proposed 115th resolution!!

-Andy

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**From:** Wayne Harris <wayneh@6ammarketing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35's

Dear Alders

I think your move to vote against wanting the F-35's at Truax is not in the best interest of the City of Madison. You are bringing this resolution to the floor without referring it to committee and without public notice. In a time when we are faced with a pandemic and people's lives are at stake, to bypass good procedure for the interest of few, is not in our city's best interest.

I also feel strongly that the 1200 folks that eventually will lose their jobs or be displaced is being glossed over. As a city we were very upset when we lost the Oscar Mayer jobs or when any large business closes up. Yet, the Council's action here is basically saying that these jobs are expendable and these folks and their families can go elsewhere.

I would encourage you as alders to think about what is best for the whole city and all of its residents.

Thank you,

Wayne Harris  
5606 Lake Mendota Dr  
Madison, Wi 53705

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**From:** shannon.lory@archvirtual.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

City of Madison,

Please know I am not in support of the anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution. I know several pilots in my community with whom I admire and respect. Their service is invaluable. To block their service is irreprehensible at both a state and national level. These women and men, along with the residents of our community (and country), deserve better from the great state of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lory  
Partner | Arch Virtual  
608.598.9688

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**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:06 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Fwd: Approved Agenda March 31, 2020 Common Council Meeting

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**From:** william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** Terry Woodward <terryamw@me.com>

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**Cc:** [mayor@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mayor@cityofmadison.com)

All Alders Madison Common Council:

In reference to Item #77 Pg. 33, Approved Agenda for March 31, 2020 Common council Meeting, Resolution 60043: Please move to delay further action on this resolution until full public comment from all sides, pro and con, of the entire community may be heard on the issue. Without stating an opinion about it I'm asking you to realize the subject does not belong with others on the agenda. This is not about supporting "Earth Day", zoning revision or awarding contracts. It is of high concern for the entire City and deserves a fair, accessible and public hearing so all sides can have a chance to be heard and go away with the satisfaction that they were heard. Give us a chance to look forward to happier times when we may interact in a normal Community way. Thank you for your consideration.

William Larsen. 109 Belmont RD. Madison WI

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**From:** lwbusdrvr@charter.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposal #77; F-35A Environmental Impact Study

I urge you to vote against proposal #77; F-35A at tonight's Madison's City Council meeting for the following reasons:

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeannette Williamsen  
2188 US Highway 51  
Stoughton, WI 53589  
608-873-8677

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**From:** mark fryman <sportsking79@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115th Fighter Wing

Please support our Sons & Daughters, who have served by deploying to many countries to protect all of us. Having the 115th Fighter Wing and the F35s we need to protect us in these crazy times. These airman will be there whenever we need them. They have been there sandbagging in Madison with flooding even in Madison. These Airman are on the ground for all of us. My Son is full time in Madison and served in Iraq, South Korea and many other places. He served for all of us so we could feel safe at home, please now support the 115th for what he did for all of us. Laurie Fryman (Mom)

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Pau Xiong <xiongpa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Opposing the F-35s

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to please withdraw your consideration in allowing the F-35's into Madison, WI. The F-35's will introduce more environmental impacts and harm our waters and soil, disproportionately effect people who are low-income, including minorities and children.

More than ever we need funding for other, and better uses and the costs of 18 F-35's are excessive, and which are about the same as 80,000 ventilators!

I have hope and believe you'll do the right thing for Madison, and our community.

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All the best,

Pau Xiong

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**From:** Linda Gerke <lindaegerke@usfamily.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:07 AM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** 'Linda Gerke'  
**Subject:** March 31, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda

**All Alders:**

**Following are Agenda Items I wish to address to you and hopefully your full consideration:**

**59645 – LGBTQ+ Rainbow Street Murals - I do not support the LGLBTQ+ murals to be painted on a few of our street intersections. We are and *have been an all-inclusive city* for a very long time! I don't have a problem with the lifestyle – people can live and do what they want – but we don't need reminders with street paintings. More accidents, you can be sure! It says the money is donated and won't cost taxpayers; what about when they need to be repainted or will they just be left to fade like many of our crosswalk and lane markings are now. Just wondering.**

**59710 – I do not support sending any of our officers to help Milwaukee with the DNC convention. We have need for them right here in Madison and they will be in harm's way there too. Have you all read the 132 pages attached to the agenda? Be careful what you agree to. I am an independent voter – party affiliation has nothing to do with it. Milwaukee gets their subsidies; they most certainly knew it would cost them money and extra law enforcement to host it. Not even \$1 of our city tax \$'s should be used for that. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS.**

**60043 –PLEASE SUPPORT THE F35'S COMING TO MADISON! There is absolutely no reason not to support this. Truax Field was there long before the east side was so built up. Anyone who moved there knew there was a military base housed there. I hear the planes fly over – we are and will be protected – we should be grateful. This will help our economy – can't understand why some folks can't see that.**

**Please be careful with our tax dollars. Our mayor seems to have other things on this agenda too, please don't give her office open season on spending. You've already given her office a person to report back on police business – does not show support for our folks in blue. That was a disappointing vote for me and many other tax payers.**

**Please stay well everyone. We are in strange and challenging times, never in our lifetime will we encounter this again, because if there is a next time, we will know how to handle it,**

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**From:** Robert Fredenberg <robert.fredenberg@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** I oppose the Madison Common Council Agenda item #77 tonight

Sneaky business is bad business,

Please continue to maintain a focused effort in supporting and leading the overarching needs of your community during this unsettling time. Agenda item #77 seems to take advantage of a vulnerable population during an unfortunate state of emergency where many of the F-35 supporters are unable to represent due to State Governor activation or other agile response to maintaining our states missions as the environment abruptly changes. Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future existence and support of our State National Guard and the local community growth it stimulates. The City of Madison and our Guardsmen deserve better than to be distracted with matters that have previously been dealt with on fair and even grounds.

Respectfully,  
Robert Fredenberg

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**From:** Jean Atkins <bozita666@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** The anti-115th Fighter Wing resolution 3/31/2020

I find it deplorable for the council to address this issue during the COVID-19 crisis. While your constituents are making sacrifices to keep our great state and country safe, you are covertly attempting to undermine our civic right for representation.

I am an ardent supporter of the F-35 fighter jets coming to Madison. Not only does having them here positively affect our economy, but in this time of crisis it is obvious that our military members are extremely valuable to assist wherever and whenever needed. While this may be one battle that they are not fighting at the front-line as are our Healthcare Professionals, their value cannot be underestimated.

Please consider only addressing those issues tonight that truly are for the good of all those you represent, not the 115th Fighter Wing resolution which has no business being discussed while we are actively fighting another type of war.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jean Atkins

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**From:** Terry Woodward <terryamw@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** IN SUPPORT OF THE 115th FIGHTER WING

Mayor and City of Madison Alders,

I am appalled, that at a time when our City and State should be focusing on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, that the Council seems more concerned to push through agenda Item 77 without due process. What happened to public notice and participation? I am opposed to this resolution, but I am also opposed to the course of action, or lack of, that the Council has taken regarding the resolution. It is immoral and unethical that these proceedings are being held while our Airmen and Guard Members are deployed, putting their lives on the line for us, and are unable to participate in the process.

I live on the near East side of Madison. Our home is in flight paths of commercial jets out of Dane County Regional Airport and aircraft (jets and helicopters) from Truax Field. To me, the noise criticism of the F-35s is convenient and unsubstantiated. I know from more than 25 years living here, that commercial flights create deeper, louder and longer noise than the F-16s. Due to their speed, the F-16s have a much shorter interval (seconds) of loud noise from their engines as they pass over. It also doesn't occur multiple times a day as with commercial flights. Commercial air traffic noise is every day, all day, beginning at 6:00 a.m. until the last evening flight (after 8pm). It is a deeper and more prolonged, enough to rattle windows. You can't complain about one and not the other. Neither annoys me. I chose to live here. It's a byproduct of living in an urban area.

What are the potential long-term economic impacts regarding our Air National Guard, Truax Field and the military jets? The F-16s are approaching the end of their service life. Without the 115th Fighter Wing mission, what does that bode for us and them and the City of Madison, WI?

Tonight's meeting is not the time or place for this last minute agenda item. The Resolution needs to be brought to the public for participation and deliberation, but after we focus our attention on the essential business of the COVID-19 crisis and our public health. This should be the business at hand for all of us.

Thank you,  
Terry Woodward

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**From:** rbstarrett <rbstarrett@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Agenda #77

Shame on you for sneaking this in to tonight's meeting knowing full well that we cannot appear in person. The 115th Fighter wing would be an excellent addition to Madison. This would be a big boost to Madison's image. Thank you. Bonni K Starrett

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

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**From:** Steve Magyera <stevemags@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Let's see...

...how much you can still screw up in this city while not even meeting in person.

The Air Force doesn't care about your little resolution to oppose.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** horans@tds.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** [All Alders] F-30 jets at Truax

**Recipient:** All Alders

**Name:** Richard Horan  
**Address:** 9 Windhaven Cir, Madison, WI 53717-1044  
**Phone:** 608-695-4858  
**Email:** horans@tds.net

**Would you like us to contact you?** No, do not contact me

**Message:**

I am in favor of the addition of the F-30 jets to Truax. Depending on the direction of the take off of commercial jets there is still noise so I don't worry about a change. The F-30 jets are able to protect the Chicago Area which is more likely to get attacked. Having the jets with strike distance by being in Madison makes sense from a national defense standpoint. Closing down Truax does not make me feel secure. Hearing the F-16 jets take off does make me feel secure Please let them come to Madison.



**From:** Julie Allord <jallord@thebenefitworks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35 vote - being rushed into the agenda tonight

To All Alders – I find your actions unconscionable and reprehensible and totally without conscience. That the Madison City Council would sneak this into their agenda, as people in Madison, just like those around the world, are focused on the COVID-19 crisis. This fighter wing is so important to our protection as Americans living here in Madison. It serves such a larger purpose in the scope of our regional safety, the country and the world. If you think for one moment that a little bit of noise, (which the F-14 already contribute) is too much to ask for our safety then perhaps med-flight over my house should cease too! We are in the flight path but this is not an issue and never has been. Those poor souls in that chopper need it more than I need my peace and quiet. When I see the fighters take off – my pride as an American swells slightly and frankly, I feel gratitude and feel safer. They protect us in so many ways other than tactical issues. Take the Covid-19 crisis you are hiding behind. – They are there helping in every way they can and you are taking cowardly advantage of it.

I cannot believe in the middle of this medical crisis you have the gall to hide this in your agenda and sneak this in. Who has your back in this crisis – take a look across the airstrip next time you go to Dane County Regional Airport – there is your answer – OUR / YOUR brave fighting men and women.

*Julie Allord*

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**From:** Pete Hagen <pete@hs3games.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35

What a gutless move to sneak the f-35 resolution in at the last minute during a meeting where the public is not allowed to comment in person. All while national guard troops around the country are risking their lives to help fight an epidemic. Unbelievable.

I fully support the stationing of f-35 at truax field.

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**From:** AT&T Yahoo Mail <gar.one@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Gari Berliot  
**Subject:** The Air National Guard

Alders

Regarding the F-16's and the F-35's

I WANT THEM! I WANT THE FIGHTER JETS AT THE TRUAX FIELD AIR FORCE STATION.

PERIOD.

Ya Ya; there are those complainers. So why did ya rent, buy, build your home in that area?

Deal with it or move.

But this is what freedom is. Some things you kinda don't care for; but needed! Oh yes; NEEDED.

Simple deterrence is far far better than having to regain your freedom.

I served active duty for five years; half of that overseas. In a couple of places you don't want to live in. And I was at easy ones so to speak.

YES - WE WANT DETERRENCE.! And here, that means a little noise. So what!

As a part of deterrence; our pilots and ground crews have to stay proficient. And that is what they do. Plus, placement is a factor in the usefulness of those forces.

And, don't forget; those American Airmen are incurring risk when they are maintaining their proficiency. They are there for us.

I WANT THOSE USAF AIRPLANES TO CONTINUE AT TRUAX FIELD. AND THE UPGRADES TO COME AS THEY WILL. There is nothing left to discuss.

*Vote to keep the F-16's at Truax and vote to get the UPGRADE to the F-35's. Vote YES YES YES!*

**GARI BERLIOT**  
**5326 KNIGHTSBRIDGE RD**  
**MADISON 53714**  
**221-2022**



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**From:** dennis krizan <dakrizan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** All Alders; ♦ ♦♦.mayor@cityofmadison.com  
**Subject:** let the F-35's come

To whom it may concern

I am in favor of the F-35's coming to Madison.

Please do not stop them from coming.

Our great military needs tools to do their great job of defending/protecting this republic.

Thank you

Dennis Krizan



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**From:** dennis krizan <dakrizan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** let the F-35's come

To whom:

Our great military people need the tools to perform their duties.

Let the F-35's come.

Years ago the council passed a resolution in the middle of the night-that I know of. Probably done it more than I know. Not good, not good.

I believe the majority of the people want or don't mind the F-35's coming. I say let them come.

Thank you

Dennis Krizan





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**From:** Mike Swanson <mike@atlantisvalley.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** F-35 Beddown at Truax Air Force Base and tonight's last minute resolution!

Dear Alders and Mayor:

With this email I register my OPPOSITION to the last minute resolution on the F-35 Beddown agenda item in tonight's meeting. First and foremost I find this last minute addition to the Agenda terrible and at a time when the world is locked down and focused on a medical emergency. This comes across to local citizens as very underhanded. If nothing else this kind of action sends a very negative message to our Guardsmen and the people living in our community giving their lives in defense of this country.

At the same time I also must register my complete SUPPORT of the F-35 Beddown at Truax Air Force Base. This Air Force Base and the F-35 are a win all around for this local community, County and the State of Wisconsin! This is a win not only from the standpoint of our pride in retaining and hosting the Base but the impact to our local economy and employment of hundreds of Guardsmen and their families. IN the end it should be a source of pride for this community to support the Truax Air Force Base and the F-35 technology we have the opportunity to host!

Mike Swanson

mike@atlantisvalley.com

321 Mound View Rd.

Verona, WI



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**From:** Scott Gilden <meshovel80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:14 PM  
**To:** All Alders

In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business



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**From:** Chad Ferguson <cferg231@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Cc:** Mayor; badgerair@gmail.com  
**Subject:** F-35 debate tonight

City of Madison leadership:

Taking up the F-35 debate tonight when our nation is in crisis mode is absolutely embarrassing as a Madison resident. It is also the type of action which hinders Madison's reputation amongst business professionals who consider moving their firms here.

The positives that are going on right now by Exact Sciences, Aldevron, GE, Promega, etc. are the positive type of solutions and American spirit we need right now in Madison.

Be well,  
Chad



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**From:** dave cushman <cushman\_dave@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Proposed Resolution against the 115th Fighter Wing

Dear Alders,

Please find this email in opposition to the proposed resolution against the F-35 Fighters.

The City Council should attend to primary business given the health crisis ongoing and pay attention to the fact that many Guardsmen have been called to duty to help the medical situation and thus the City should not be drafting proposals against the unit and jeopardize the long term benefits to the City and Dane County area.

Respectfully, David Cushman





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**From:** Bruce and Anne Fischer <abacfischer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Mayor; All Alders  
**Cc:** Badger Air Community Council  
**Subject:** Madison City Council Meeting Tuesday 3/31/2020

Dear Madison City Council,

Please do not try to evade public opinion and oversight of concerned voters by adding the 115th Fighter Wing question to your agenda in the middle of this public health emergency, when concerned voters are not able to participate. Our Madison's alders should spend their time and efforts on public health guidance and focus on essential business, to get us through this crisis. DO NOT take advantage of the people of Wisconsin while we are doing everything we can to minimize this COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Fischer, LtCol Retired, Concerned Citizen



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**From:** Corinne Jones <cchinnery@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Mayor; All Alders  
**Subject:** Oppose F-35 Resolution on 3/31/20 Common Council Agenda

Respected Elected Officials,

We are all stressed during the current Covid-19 pandemic and the impact it is having on our families and communities. To add a last-minute resolution to tonight's agenda regarding the decision to bring F-35s to Truax Field is a blow to the heart of essential workers currently working to help maintain the health and livelihood of our community during this stressful time. The decent thing to do would be to delay this resolution until the public can readily join, with clear states of mind.

Further, I am strongly opposed to the resolution altogether. The Madison Common Council should not go against the support of all surrounding cities as well as the state government regarding the decision to bring F-35s to Truax. Our Guardsmen put their lives on the line for our state day in and day out. They deserve the safety the F-35s will provide, allowing them in turn to maintain our safety and security. This applies not only to the Madison community, but to the state of Wisconsin and our nation. While the F-35s will have an impact on the immediate North and East side communities, the base is dedicated to mitigating those impacts as much as possible, as is their current practice in commitment to the community. Conversely, the loss of F-35s puts Truax at risk for closure as F-16s age out. This will impact the community through loss of over 1,000 jobs and further economic losses to the North side. Please support our Airmen. Please support the wishes of the majority of Madison community members and partnering cities. Please support the F-35s' arrival to Madison.

Respectfully,  
Corinne Jones

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Corinne Jones, BSN, RN, CCRN  
(773) 633-1626  
[cchinnery@gmail.com](mailto:cchinnery@gmail.com)



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**From:** Rocky Jones <rocky.jones@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:32 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Support For F-35s (Opposition to Agenda Item #77)

Good evening,

As a recent resident of Madison (1106 Artisan Drive on the East Side near the Airport) who still resides in Dane County (now in Sun Prairie), I want to express my opposition to the current Anti-F-35 resolution: Agenda Item #77.

I staunchly support the Air Force's proposed upgrade to the jets and facilities at Truax, which helps cement a future for the base and the associated jobs since the F-16s that the 115 Fighter Wing currently operates are reaching the end of their lifecycle.

I used to live within the higher noise zones identified in the environmental report. I did not find the current jets or the louder airliners that operate at the Airport to affect my family negatively.

Please do not let this resolution pass.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Jones



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**From:** Leroy Brandt <lebrandt@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:35 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s based in Madison

Dear Alders

I live in the path of the F16s & F35s when the Air Force approves bringing the new Jet fighter to Madison and Dane County. I do not have a problem with them during day or night operations. The 115th Fighter Wing has been a big part of returning people to Wisconsin from some of the infected cruise ships. The soldiers are also playing a large part in helping to fight the pandemic in Madison and Wisconsin. These soldiers are sent around the world protecting our Allies and the American way of life.

The 115th Fighter Wing protects the Dane County Airport with fire equipment. This would be a big hit for tax payers if they move away from Madison because the F35s were not based here.

Thanks for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely  
Leroy Brandt





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**From:** Eugene Yellen-Shiring <ggys@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Tuesday meeting agenda

To the City of Madison Alders,

We are City of Madison Residents and are dismayed that a resolution opposing the 115th Fighting Wing has been added to the agenda for this evening's meeting. We are in complete agreement with the following statements:

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

Sincerely,  
Eugene Yellen-Shiring  
Gail Yellen-Shiring  
2222 Hillington Green Madison



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**From:** Gregg Tipple <tipple@gioffice.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** The anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution is item #77

**Importance:** High

I can not believe this.

As the owner of 2 businesses on the East side, while I am dealing with the health of my employees (insurance that I pay for)....and who gets laid off and who gets furrowed tomorrow morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> .....my City Council is meeting and voting on this?

Absolutely incredible.

As a 69 year Madison resident.....this saddens me.....as if I needed something else to be sad about today.

**Gregg Tipple**

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**From:** Donald Wesolowski <dswesolowski@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:54 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** F-35s at Truax

Hello City of Madison Alders,

As a lifelong resident of Madison (56+ years), I would like to urge you to SUPPORT the presence of F-35 planes at Truax.

Many of the reasons against them are unfounded, such as them carrying nuclear warheads. When the military states they will not carry them, people say they don't believe them. I am offended by such misplaced mistrust. A simple agreement that they will not implement nuclear warheads is sufficient.

Noise is always a factor near the airport. It has been here for decades; when my mother lived and worked on State Street in the early 1950s, the city was full of "flyboys" based at Truax Field. I read that some people's property deeds may make it hard for them to get help to remediate the noise; in this case, let the county (city, state) help them with getting funds to do so.

The PFAs are there, and anything done at that location will have to deal with them. This is true no matter who or what uses the space. Again, this is essentially an issue NOT tied to the F-35s.

A continued presence of the military at Truax is important for Madison and Dane County, as well as the state and country. There is a positive economic impact, and any negatives can be ameliorated through other means.

Once again, I urge you to vote to SUPPORT the F-35s.

Thank you,

Donald Wesolowski  
District 8



**From:** CHERYL L WOODARDS <cheryl.woodards@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** Oppose the Anti-115th Fighter Wing Resolution

- In the midst of a public health emergency, Madison's alders should follow public health guidance and focus on essential business
- At a time when hundreds of Guardsmen have been activated by the Governor in response to COVID-19, Madison alders should not oppose an aircraft upgrade that would secure the future of our Air National Guard for another three decades
- While Madison residents are working to keep their families safe and keep food on the table, Madison alders are challenging us to divert our energies toward their charade, spinning up a divisive local debate on a federal decision
- Our Guardsmen deserve better and the City of Madison deserves better

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**From:** Denny Behr <dennybehr@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:11 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Delay Vote on F-35A Squadron at Truax (Agenda Item 77)

Dear Madison Alder:

My name is Dennis Behr, and I support the stationing of a squadron of F-35A jets at Truax Field.

I am writing to ask that the Madison City Council exercise the democratic process to table tonight's vote concerning this issue. Due to the challenges we face globally with the COVID-19 pandemic, Madison leaders act locally and globally. I feel this matter affects unprivileged and privileged residents so the Council should table the vote until a time when all tax payers have more opportunity to re-focus and comment on this Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, national and global matter.

I am very proud of the Airmen and Soldiers who serve the Wisconsin Air National Guard and the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Their mission enhances the freedoms of each and every one of us who live in this great community. Just in the past month, these men, women and families of all backgrounds did an outstanding job serving our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. They recently helped return Wisconsin residents, who were passengers on the Princess Cruise, back to their homes. They were also deployed as medics at a nursing home in Grafton that was hard hit by COVID-19. As the number of cases grows, we need these trained professionals at the ready to assist in other areas. So, is now the time to conduct this vote when these men and women are busy serving us?

The Wisconsin National Guard and the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing play a critical role in global security. To vote "NO" is a disgrace to these men and women who train every day to defend and protect our privileged lives here in Madison. A "NO" vote would also jeopardize the long-term viability of our airport, Volk Field, Ft. McCoy Mitchell Field and beyond as the missions are all inter-related.

Lastly, please take a hard look at the economic facts that the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing makes to the local and state economy:

- The 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing employs over 1,200 civilian and military employees and has a payroll of approximately \$62 million.
- The 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing supports 1,650 in-state jobs and has an annual economic impact of around \$100 million.
- The 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing provides over \$1 million in annual tuition payments to local colleges helping Airmen return into the private sector workforce with an undergraduate degree, 6 years of on the job training in a diverse array of highly technical career field.

I urge the Madison City Council to delay consideration of an advisory resolution due to COVID-19 pandemic in order to provide greater opportunity for public comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Behr  
3025 Waubesa Ave.  
Madison, WI 53711





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**From:** John S. Pinto <pinto@chorus.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:40 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** 115 fighter Wing

First of all, shame on alders • Rebecca Kemble

- Syed Abbas
- Tag Evers
- Grant Foster
- Patrick W. Heck
- Marsha A. Rummel
- Lindsay Lemmer, who snuck this item on the agenda tonight. It should be removed from the agenda. We have had military airplanes in Madison for a long time. The new aircraft will not be a burden, but a blessing. – John S. Pinto, Madison, Wisconsin.



**From:** Brad Borchers <brad.borchers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:50 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Item 77 - March 31, 2020

Hello Alders -

Thanks in advance for reading my email I was planning to speak tonight related to agenda Item 77 but I need to get to bed in order to function at work tomorrow. Here are my thoughts as it relates to this item.

- I'm a lifelong resident of the Madison area (minus a few years when I was away for college) and have lived within 3 miles of the airport just about that entire time, I am here tonight to oppose this resolution. This is the first time I have felt the urge to speak up in a political setting and it's for reasons I'll outline below:
- To this day, when I hear jets flying around, I look for them to see if they are F16's or another visiting aircraft. It brings excitement every time. Even when the noise of the jets taking off, landing or circling around my near east side house might interrupt a meeting, conference call or discussion with my partner, I pause to take a peak.
- Growing up near Warner Park, I developed an affinity for planes and specifically air force jets, living so close to the airport. During that time, I also developed a high level of respect for our armed forces.
- Having these jets in our area inspired me to seek a career in engineering and is one of the things that I love about being in Madison.
- Some of the best people I've met in this community have served our nation and have direct ties to the Truax base. Without a Flying mission, we will lose many of these hard working individuals who help pay our taxes and support community focused initiatives.
- My biggest concern is that we will also run the risk of losing an entire generation of children who grew up just like me - with an appreciation for our military and the safety they provide to our community and nation. This generation also will not have the same chance to look up in the sky and be in awe of these jets. Without that, they are not as likely to seek out careers in STEM and the trades that support the building and maintenance of these jets and countless other careers I know we want to have in Madison. Government & Education will only take us so far as a city, state and nation.
- I understand the impact that their noise might make on some living in our community. However, for what ultimately comes down to well less than an hour of noise per day, it would seem like a small price to pay for affordable living, national security and a boost to tax base to support our lower income citizens (likely some who live in the impacted area).
- I hope the common council moves to oppose this resolution and help pave the way for welcoming the F35 and the future of the Truax flying mission.

Thanks for taking time to read my email. Sorry I couldn't be attendance to speak.

Thanks,

Brad Borchers  
608.513.9995

Please excuse my phone's typos.



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**From:** Robin Koenig <rkoenig923@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:58 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** Item 77 on F-35A Resolution

To Madison Alders,

I monitored the meeting tonight for over 5 hours. I finally had to throw in the towel. I ask the Alders to table Item 77 for several reasons:

1. This is a very important issue that could affect thousands of military members. Many WI National Guard members are deployed in support of the pandemic and are unable to participate in this meeting.
2. The Dane County Board decided this was a non-essential item and should focus on COVID-19
- 3: The city council did not adequately make proper notice to the public of their plan to vote on this unannounced resolution.
4. The meeting tonight was so long and this important issue was purposely placed at the end of the agenda in an attempt to push it through with minimal public input.
5. This is lack of transparency and back-door politics at its finest.

Please do the right thing and table this until it can be debated fairly by an informed public. Who do you represent?

Robin Koenig

Sent from my iPhone X





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**From:** jeffpwright@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** Webadmin  
**Subject:** General Feedback

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

#### General Information

Name: jeff wright  
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Date: 03/30/2020

Category: General feedback

Type of request: Comment

Message: what kind of Americans would have a meeting during a pandemic where no one is thinking about a noise vote to destroy a economic boom to the people of Dane county. You want this vote now when the citizens are not looking so you can push thru a liberal agenda with the hopes no one is looking. Well we are looking and it would be immoral to schedule a meeting where people would be put at risk attending.

The requester does not wish to be contacted



**From:** Rachel Bauer <raylbauer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2020 12:14 AM  
**To:** All Alders; Mayor  
**Subject:** Re: #77 - F-35

As a side note... I stayed with the meeting for another hour and 45 minutes.... It's not OK to conduct meeting until way past midnight. That is NOT respectful of anyone's time or conducive to the public process.

On Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 10:21 PM Rachel Bauer <[raylbauer@gmail.com](mailto:raylbauer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

*The following are the comments I hoped to share with you live via Zoom. I am sorry I am unable to join your live, I did remain on the Zoom call for 4.25 hours before I gave up on your ability to get things done! How on earth did you spent 2 hours departing a single item that NEVER should have been before the council based on zoning and planning!*

Honorable Council and Mayor,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I will respect your time.

Let me introduce myself briefly as a long-time resident of Madison. I have lived in Dane County for nearly 3 decades and downtown Madison since 2017. My education is in Public Policy and Social Justice. I absolutely believe in the democratic process and I am a strong advocate for the City of Madison's values of equity, sustainability, health and adaptability.

I am proud to call Madison my home.

I am also an entrepreneur with a background in real estate, finance and hospitality. As well as the president of a non-profit that is located on Williamson Street. I am well aware that many in my neighborhood are opposed to the F-35's moving to Madison. I am speaking tonight order to remind the entire council that this action item was unexpected this evening, it was added to the agenda last minute and given the importance of this matter needs further consideration.

We are facing unprecedented circumstances in which our businesses, lives and day-to-day existence has been turned upside down. Our families are in jeopardy and all Non-essential business has been ordered to cease. Our military forces, especially our national guard, has been activated to help our citizens during this crisis. People are loosing their lives and livelihoods and we need to keep in mind our service members are there to serve and protect.

The city council is elected to the do the same. To serve and protect our city.

I am shocked that the council has decided to address such a controversial issue that is most certainly NOT essential business at this critical time. I absolutely oppose this item being considered at this time. At the very least, it should NOT have been added to the agenda last

minute and absolutely SHOULD be referred to a future meeting where those in support of the F-35 bed down and our National Guard Service men and women, as well as the general public who may not be technology savvy, can participate.

I personally support Air National Guard F-35 Operational Beddown. I believe the air national guard is a very important part of our democracy, the positive economic and job impact is not up for debate tonight but a critical consideration for support. We should not be questioning the logic of the U.S. National Guard and Air Force in choosing Madison as a prime location. If you have even flown out of Dane County Airport to Chicago you know that flight is as short as 25 minutes in a commercial jet. Our national security is dependent on our air force capacity to react to a critical situation immediately. The tragedy of 9/11 is not lost on us. We were there. Affordable housing and diversity are a top priority for me professionally and personally. The capacity to balance priorities and see all sides of this issue is absolutely critical to this decision. I don't believe the council should not be considering this item at this crucial time. However, if you choose to vote for or against, I encourage you to vote against this item.

I ask that the entire council do the right thing and refuse to consider and vote on this item at this moment or to oppose it. This item should be referred.

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