

From: Kathy Young <kosleyyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission

I am not a resident of Madison but wanting to support someone who is a part of this unit (115th Fighter Wing). Support for our military and their training should be a top priority for Wisconsin.

Therefore, I oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing and do support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Kathy Young
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Jordan Sexton <jordanmsexton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:52 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

Good morning,

I'm here to simply express my support for the basing of F-35's at Truax Field in Madison. The 115th's history of excellence is awe-inspiring and the amount of good they do for their community, state, and nation is commendable.

Thank you,

Jordan Sexton

From: Angela Richardson <angelarichardson1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:54 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Resolution #57364 V2

Please support Resolution #57364 V2 to oppose the F-35 fighter jets at Truax Field.

The potential negative effects on health and quality of life which having F-35s at Truax poses for City of Madison residents compels us to resist the presence of these fighter jets here.

Again, please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the proposed bed down of F-35A fighter jets at Truax Field.

Thank you.

Angela Richardson
217 Dunning St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: The 115 Fighter Wing and the F-35

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

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Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Faye Zemel <faye.zemel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35 Fighter Jets

Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

I write to ask you to support the resolution to oppose the F-35 fighter jets. I live on the Near East Side of Madison and stand with my neighbors in opposing the siting of F-35A fighter jets at Truax Field in Madison.

Thank you,
Faye Zemel
535 Dunning Street

From: Scott Haden <smhaden@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose approval of F-35 fighter jets

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

You have likely received your share of correspondence about this, so please consider this email another notch on the "opposed" side of the board.

This plan appears to help none of the residents in the affected neighborhoods, and would likely affect more than is estimated. Approving this would create a significant downgrade in everyday living for a lot of people that actually live and work and contribute to the city of Madison. I urge you to do the right thing and consider their quality of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Scott Haden

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jackie Guthrie <djguthrie13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:04 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support f35

I work next to the airport and support the f35! I am also very thankful to have an airport on Madison and the civilian aircraft fly more often than the military and the sound difference is negligible!

Jackie Guthrie

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ph: 608-212-1955

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ph: 608-212-1955

Veldran, Lisa

From: Scott Turner <scott.turner1190@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:08 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Let the F35's fly. Sound of Freedom

Scott

From: Scott Turner <scott.turner1190@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:09 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Let the F35's fly. Sound of Freedom

Scott

From: Rhonda W <rswaldvogel50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

I am in favor of having the F35's here. If are our pilots are not able to train with the best and most up to date equipment then you can't expect them to be combat ready. By having either F16's or F35's Madison can be well protected.

I understand that most complaints come from those living closets to the airfield. They knew when moving in there was an airfield so their complaints should not even be taken into consideration. They chose to live there and the airfield had been there long before them.

Rhonda Waldvogel
USN

From: rebecca stobb <stobby1975@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:12 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support of F35 basing

To whom it may concern,

For years we celebrate our freedom, our freedom of this country for who all who live here. There are all different sounds of that freedom... singing, praising, dancing, but more important the sound of sacrifice. The sacrifice that our forces give every day.

I give full support for Madison becoming the base of the F35.

What does that give to the people living here, the ability to hear that wonderful sound of FREEDOM!!!

Sincerely,
Beckie Capaul
Dane county, Wisconsin resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Melissa Lamb <meljo76@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:15 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I am a resident of the Sherman neighborhood, District 12. I am writing in support of the resolution " Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown" put forth by my Common Council representative, Alder Syed Abbas, and others.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Teresa McKenzie <tsm2032@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: truax and the F35's

To the Madison Alders,

I am a city resident and have been a majority of my life. I live on the east side, and in the past lived either on the east or northside of town. I am very familiar with the airport traffic and the noise that is produced by both civilian and military planes/jets as they seem to always line up on our houses during take off and landing. Anyone who lives near the airport either knows or should know when they move in that there is noise from the airport. The noise is a small inconvenience and you learn to live with it.

If the F35's are not brought here Truax will cease to be a base as the older jets will not be continued. The City of Madison will absorb a huge financial hit if Truax closes. Oscar Mayer was a huge hit that we will feel for a long time. Oscar Mayer was not always the best neighbor with the smells it produced and I'm sure the environmental issues it also caused. I lived near Oscars when I was a child when it was fully up and operational and the smells were not the best but you learned to live with it as again that is where we lived.

If the city really wants to provide a large amount of services to help people then you should not be looking at closing something that brings in a large amount of money to the area. Taxes in Madison are already very high and I personally do not think we can absorb the large increase in taxes that will be needed if Truax does not get the F35's.

Please consider the large benefits that these jets will bring with them.

Teresa McKenzie

From: Mary Ebeling <mrebeling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to siting F35s in Madison

Good morning,

I am a resident of Madison's northeast side and wish to register my opposition to the siting of the Air Force F35 fighter jets at in Madison's Truax field.

I respectfully request you vote in favor of the resolution opposing the F35s. There are too many problems and compromises required of residents if we house these jets. Here's a brief summary of why I have decided these jets are a bad idea for our city.

- Noise - the additional number of flights plus the increased noise from each additional plane is not acceptable and will dramatically reduce the quality of life for residents.
- Social justice - the EIS clearly states there will be an adverse impact on poor communities and communities of color. These residents' homes will likely become uninhabitable with these new planes.
- Environmental justice - even with existing aircraft operations the airport and airfield has not been able to manage contaminants that have soiled our public water supply. We cannot accept new activity that will increase both actual and risk of this type of pollution.
- Economic - the F35s will not create a substantial number of permanent jobs for Madison. The reduction in property values and quality of life for residential properties affected by these planes will reduce the tax base for the city as well as economic vibrancy.

Thank you for your time,

Mary Ebeling

From: Lorna Aaronson <lorna464@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:18 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the Foster/Kemble resolution opposing F35s at Truax

To City Alders

I live in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood, and want to express my strong support for the Foster/Kemble resolution opposing the proposal to use Truax as the beddown site for F35s.

I base my opposition to Truax as a preferred location for the F35's on the draft EIS, and also on the analysis of City planning staff describing the long-term negative impact on families and property owners just outside the mitigation area, many of whom are people of color and lower income. I further oppose whatever alternative proposals that may be put forth that fail to specifically address the values that we have as a community to frame such decisions in terms of the equitable, healthy, and sustainable impact of all decisions on the population of the citizens of Madison.

I won't be at the Council meeting tonight, but will be watching and listening. I urge you to resist the pressure to make a decision that will impact the long-term quality of life of some of our most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Lorna Aaronson

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Lorna Aaronson
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From: Nick Cleary <njcleary0509@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:18 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Please Support F-35s!

Alders,

It has come to my attention that a proposal to oppose the F-35 project has been drafted and will be voted on tonight. I strongly consider each of you to oppose this proposal. While I understand there were a few hundred people worried about this project at the Expo Center recently, I feel this proposal would strongly overshadow the beliefs of the 250,000 other residents in Madison who are of no opinion, or who actually support this project.

I have lived on all sides of Madison throughout my entire life, including the flight paths of the F-16s and even the Thunderbirds when they were in town. The noise of these planes goes essentially unnoticed for me at this point, unless I'm fortunate enough to be outside. Even then, it becomes a sound that is a reminder of advances in human technology, something that should be celebrated and admired. The children who live in the area should be given the chance to see, firsthand, these amazing machines. This is a physics/science topic that could easily engage children in school as well as provide them with firsthand experience.

While I admit I'm ignorant of exactly how much financial gain could be garnered from this project, I am certain the only economic impacts would be positive and welcomed.

I urge you all to shoot down, no pun intended, this disproportionate representation of a few hundred people over the belief of tens of thousands. This is great for Madison and our future, and to try to waylay this project would be disappointing and wrong.

Nick Cleary

From: Ray Hetrick <hattrack99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:19 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 Basing At Truax Field

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the resolution to oppose the F35 being based at Truax Field. I also strongly support Truax Field being selected for the F35.

The amount of revenue and jobs that will come with the F35 would be a huge benefit to the Madison and surrounding communities.

Raymond C. Hetrick, MSgt (Retired)

From: Nick Karabis <ngreek1944@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:21 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I support the F-35 coming to Madison. I have lived two miles from the airport for 44 years. I have listened to jets for 60 years. The F-102 took off in afterburner every flight and they flew every night. This has been part of Madison my whole life. I live 500 feet from the fire department and hear the sirens going every direction all day long, guess which annoys me the most, but it is a fact of life. There are worse things in Madison to deal with especially on this side of town.

From: Joshua Loescher <joshuawloescher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:22 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Resolution

Good Day,

I am opposed to the resolution that would ban the F35 in Madison.

The 115th Fighter Wing has been a consistent supporter of the City of Madison and has formed multiple productive partnerships within the community. For instance, just to replace the fire protection that Truax Field provides to the DCRA would cost in excess of \$5,462,669.77 in the first year alone. Would those costs be then the burden of the tax payer?

Thank you,
Joshua Loescher

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate L. Payne <klpayne@kollegetown.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:24 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F-35 IN MADISON

I am a supporter of the 115th Fighter Wing getting the F-35 and oppose the Madison Common Council Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing!

Thanks,
Kate Payne

Kate Payne

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From: Zane Williams <zane@zanewilliamsphotography.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

General Information

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Alders: Mark Pocan has now requested further study and noise testing on the impacts of F-35's on nearby communities and neighborhoods. Please support at least! this further study by passing the resolution in front of you tonight.

Sincerely,
Zane Williams

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
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Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Mary Robbins <mary.badgerfan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:29 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 aircraft based in Madison

To All Alderpersons on the Madison City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the 115th Fighter Squadron and the basing of F35 Fighter jets in Madison. I grew up on and currently live on the north side of Madison, I lived my childhood on Superior Street, close to the airport, the railroad switching yard, Oscar Mayer (during hog kill days) and the active Truax Air Force base. I had neighbors in the airforce and working for Oscar Mayer. When Truax was an active base we had frequent sonic booms from the jets, when Oscar Mayer had hog kill we had frequent stench, when the railroad yard was active we had frequent railroad signals at all hours and lots of banging and clanking of trains switching tracks, switching engines, and running all night long. And to top it all off there was a tavern at the end of the street that stayed open until 2:00am with live music. In spite of all this I, and all my neighborhood friends, grew up normal. We all went on to graduate from high school, some went to college some of us have children and we all have lived productive lives.

I worked at MATC Truax for 27 years and the noise of the F16s taking off was brief and did not impact classes or jobs. Rather, it was always a moment to take pride in our air force and the safeness we felt. It was especially poignant on 9/11/2001 when we were all so shaken and scared.

If you're wondering what I'm trying to say, it's this. My childhood neighborhood was idyllic. We had noise, we had stench, we had trains and we had drunks but none of us were affected in a bad way. Actually we are all very proud northsiders and actually brag about everything I mentioned above.

I fully support the locating of the F35 fighters here in Madison. The noise they make is the sound of freedom in my ears, it's the sound of the sacrifice the people who fly them and support them, the sound of financial stability for so many people who depend on the base for the dollars they pour into our economy.

Do I care about the impact the increased noise will have on some people who live near the airport? Frankly, not much. I grew up with it and survived, so will they. We need to focus on the larger picture here. The noise is not constant, it is momentary, In these times of global insecurity I find the sound of fighter jets to be the sound of security, In order for all of us to be safe we need to accept some inconvenience.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Robbins

From: moose3253@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:31 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 Support

Alders,

Since 2010 I have lived off of Portage Road on the East Side, Sun Prairie, and now I live on Marcy Road on the Northeast Side. I have worked about as close to the airport as one can get and close to the direct flight path of the commercial aircraft, private aircraft, the Blackhawks, and the F16's. I will be one of the first people to say I support the F16's and F35's at Truax. I also support the military aircraft that use Truax as a transit stop during their travels. This is not just a Madison issue. This is a Madison, Wisconsin, region, and national issue.

Yes, the jets are located in Madison; however, they support the homeland defense and response for any questionable aircraft throughout the Midwest and country with ready aircraft every day. This means that since September 11th, 2001 there are airmen and pilots prepared to react in case there is an unknown threat high above. Are you willing to say this level of security is too good to be deployed from the Madison area? There is a reason the 115th has this mission, and there is a reason the Air Force has chosen the 115th to carry this mission forward with the fielding of the F35. The 115th has a proven track record of being one of the best fighter units in the country.

The airmen of the 115th also react to local and state emergencies. Look at the recent emergencies throughout Wisconsin and see who responded. Look back and see who responded during the fires at MG&E. It was the airmen of the 115th. Yes, they are not part of the flying mission, but they support the mission and could be taken away if the F35's are stationed at a different location, and Madison loses the flying mission or worse a total force restructure. Are you willing to lose this asset?

The jets take off 80% of the time around 9am and 1pm every day. Yes, the noise will get your attention, but does it affect your life the entire day? The answer is no. Have I had to pause phonecall conversation until after the jets take off? The answer is yes, but I would rather do that than not have this asset in Wisconsin. Does it affect your hearing? At some point it may, but I have had a hearing test each year for the last ten years and my hearing has not changed due to the sound of the F16's.

Do you realize the same people saying the sound of the F16's and F35's affect their lives are the same people who say the Blackhawks affect their lives as well. The sound of the helicopters creates an unlivable situation? They had to create special flight paths to mitigate the number of phonecall complaints because the 1-147th AVN wants to be cooperative members of the community.

Do the same people complaining about the 115th complain about commercial traffic? They should. Remember, citizens in Madison complain about lights and sound coming from Edgewood High School. No other community in Wisconsin complains about high school sporting events affecting their livelihood. This same group would love to have the Badgers stop playing football at Camp Randall. When is it enough? Wait, I bet most support the 115th during events like Rhythm and Booms or Shake The Lake when they do flyovers to be part of the community. Have some pride in a symbol representing Madison and Wisconsin.

Is this a liberal thing? If so, this should not be a political issue. I bet the majority of citizens across Wisconsin support the 115th and the fielding of the F35's just like they support the rest of the National Guard. Is it worth to lose to the F35's over political reasons and the viewpoint landscape of Madison? Remember, Madison is nicknamed 56 square miles surrounded by reality for a reason. Don't let Madison affect the wellbeing of the entire state, region, and country.

Looks at what the unit brings to Madison. The unit brings jobs, funding, a stable housing market, and a response force for the airport and surrounding area. There are more pros than cons to this topic. Do not block this opportunity for Madison and the Wisconsin Air Guard to be relevant for the next 50 years.

Aldermen represent the people of Madison, but they also have their own political viewpoints involved. Don't let that be the case with this issue. Are you truly representing the people, the businesses, and the area or are you influencing this topic because of your own viewpoints?

People do have a choice. They choose to live around the airport. Move if it affects your life too much. There are other options that saying you don't like something. Also, the flights happen during the day. Why are you home during the day? Don't most people work away from their homes during the day?

I know this is wordy, but this resolution is absolutely ridiculous. The few are deciding to affect everyone without knowing the long-lasting consequences. The F35's coming to Wisconsin is a good thing for Madison and the entire state. Don't be the roadblock to the positives. There is a reason they chose us. Our airmen are the some of the best and our National Guard has a reputation for being one of the best. This is a GREAT position for Wisconsin to be in. Also look at this point, out state and national politicians came together and provided bipartisan support for getting the F35's here. Our politicians, businesses, leaders, and citizens came together to be high on the list for getting the F35's, don't ruin it now.

I know I didn't place my vote for Aldermen to be a roadblock and not think of the future instead of the present.

Thank you for your time. F35's' need to come to Madison and Wisconsin.

Chad R. Brownell

From: Bryn Griffiths <brynjagriffiths@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Jennifer Sze
Cc: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Re: F-35 Opposition

I echo this!

These jets are not suited to a highly populated residential community.

Thank you for doing the right thing for your constituents.

Bryn Griffiths
(218) 234-2796

On Tue, 17 Sep 2019 at 08:39, Jennifer Sze <maeming82@gmail.com> wrote:
Good Morning Alders and Mayor Rhodes Conway,

I want to express my extreme opposition to the possibility of F-35s coming to Traux and I agree with the reasons explained in the Common Council resolution opposing the F-35s. We have a right to live in our current neighborhood without increased worry of extreme noise and environmental pollution. I am not anti F-35s, I just don't want them so close to where we live. Please do all that you can to advocate for Madison residents, particularly those who are not able to advocate for themselves, including children and at-risk adults. The EIS meeting last week was eye opening. It felt like business folks vs. folks actually living in the neighborhoods. What hope do we have if business always wins here in our so called progressive city? It wins literally everywhere else, please don't let us be the same.

Thank you,

Jenny Sze
2321 E Mifflin St

From: Helene C ANDROSKI <helene.androski@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: City Council Resolution to Oppose the F-35s at Truax

Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to urge you to support the City Council Resolution to oppose the F-35s at Truax for all the reasons included in that resolution. And thank you Ald. Rummel for being a sponsor.

Sincerely,
Helene Androski
505 Riverside Drive
Madison WI 53704

From: dave hunt <dhunt712@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

Dear Mayor's office,

In regard to the proposal of the F-35 jets at Truax, I encourage you to support the resolution and reject this health risk that threatens to invade our community. Not only do I work everyday with low-income children who reside near the airport in CDA housing and other low income proprieties on the north-side, I am also a tax paying resident of the north-side and work on the north-side. Presently, as citizens and residents, we have to deal with the negative effects of the constant pollution (noise and environmental) and disruption of our quality of life from the current war jets that are stationed at Truax. These new war jets would be even more of a negative effect for the quality of life of all city residents.

Please support the health and welfare of the residents of the city of Madison and keep this destructive force out of our communities.

Thank you,

David A. Hunt

From: Doug Buth <dbuth@payneanddolan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:37 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission

Dear Alders,

This e-mail is in disagreement to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax Field.

The 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission is a huge honor for the City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin.

In reflection of the 9-11 anniversary we should all be in support of increased military presence. The proposal for Truax Field to be the home of the new F-35's is logistically the right decision and should be implemented.

Please reconsider your resolution.

Sincerely,

Doug W. Buth

From: Reginold Royston <r.a.royston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35s

Why can't they do this at Volk Field? We are not at war. We are a city of peace. These flights impact Northside and Eastside disproportionately, especially low-income and POC communities. This is unnecessary and I am disappointed in our state's US Senators for endorsing this.

Reginold Royston, Ph.D.
Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Adam Olson <koehn1981@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:46 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Adam Olson
Subject: F-35 Supporter

Good morning,

This email is for the purpose of showing support for the F-35 basing at the Truax Air Field and 115th Fighter Wing in Madison, Wisconsin. Upon further investigation it has come to my knowledge that the environmental impact study was conducted as a "worst case scenario" and should be taken as just that. Decades ago, planes of the past like the F4 were much louder. Residents in the "unsuitable" area are eligible for Federal grant money for soundproofing and the number of flights was overestimated, which led to the increase in "average" noise in the study, but in reality the 115th will still be flying 8 airplanes, 4 times a week just as they do now. After all it is a guard base. It does not seem folks will be as impacted as the media and opposition is making it out to be. We are privileged this opportunity has presented itself us.

Thank you,

F-35 Supporter!

From: Bob Israel <rlisrael@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of F-35 resolution

I'm writing this in support of the Madison Common Council resolution responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

"Beddown" sounds like a cozy sleepover, much as "collateral damage" could be your kitty accidentally knocking over a vase. Euphemisms like these ease the way for disinformation, much as past assurances about airport noise turned out to be false. For example, in 1990 the construction of a new runway was touted as potentially reducing activity, and therefore noise, on the north-south flight path. It didn't. And in March, 2018 retired USAF Colonel Jeff Wiegand, now a member of the pro-basing [Badger Air Community Council](#), promised in the Madison newspapers that the incoming F-35s would be quieter than the current F-16s. This claim is contradicted by the Guard's own IES.

The most vocal organized supporters of the F-35 live far from their expected impact and several may be in a position to profit from it. Their claims of dire economic consequences of the jets' not coming here are false: we have no shortage of jobs, and in fact employers complain of a dearth of skilled job applicants. What we do have is a lack of affordable housing, which basing the F-35s here will exacerbate by making nearby homes uninhabitable. Their invocations of national security needs ring hollow: if the F-35s aren't here they'll just be somewhere else because, as President Eisenhower predicted, no matter what the cost to the American people the military-industrial complex always gets what it wants. Sadly "our" Senators and Congress members, dazzled by the glitzy promise of few federal dollars, just go along to get along.

Noise abatement? Removing pollution they leach into Madison's groundwater? The Pentagon makes no promises about cleaning up after itself, since it's not their department. Besides, they have a wall to build.

From his downy bed in the governor's mansion miles away in Maple Bluff, then-governor Scott Walker called the noise of the military jets the "sound of freedom". From those of us who live on the flight path it's more like one deafening blast of BS after another.

Bob Israel

26 S. Marquette St.

From: Pat Taylor <taylorpc01@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Noisy skies

As a new resident I strickly oppose this proposal to turn Madison into a noisy, unlivable city. Please vote against menace.
Pat Taylor

From: Charles McLimans <charles@riverfoodpantry.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

The River Food Pantry, with primary operations at 2201 Darwin Road and offices at 2801 International Lane, stands in support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas that will come before tonight's Common Council.

As one of the most impactful nonprofit organizations serving over 1,000 low-income Dane County households and their residents each week, many of whom reside on the Northside, we are deeply concerned about the environmental and quality of life impact that the F-35 would have literally in our backyard and on our operations. Some of the most vulnerable residents of our community would be the most affected by the presence of the F-35 including many low-income seniors, children, and communities of color.

The River provides groceries, clothing, hot meals, and mobile lunches for children when they are out of school, in addition to operating 8 in school food pantries and two weekend programs in MMSD schools. All of these programs and the people who need to access these programs for household stability would be adversely impacted by the F-35.

We urge your support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas and thank you for your thoughtful consideration and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Charles McLimans

Charles McLimans

President/CEO | The River Food Pantry
Tel. 608.665.0233 (Direct) | RiverFoodPantry.org



From: Dave Shaw <dshaw@firstbusiness.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Magali Shaw
Subject: Support for F-35 basing in Madison WI

I am writing to urge the Madison City Council to wholeheartedly support the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission for Truax Field in Madison WI.

Please oppose the resolution this evening that opposes the F-35 basing in Madison WI.

Thank you for your time and support!

Dave Shaw

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From: m s <tudorprincdate@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:53 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Lynn Schultz; Craig & Steph Schultz
Subject: F-35, 115th Fighter Wing support.

As Americans were all asked to pay the price of freedom.

Thousands of men and women have given sacrifices for this seemingly taken for granted right of freedom.

I say seemingly as I understand that some of you have a resolution opposing the continued exercise of this freedom against the basing of a F-35 jet unit in Madison, WI.

Well I was born here nearly 50 years ago and have often disagreed with the council on many matters but this my first piece of mail I have sent, electronic or otherwise. I am so compelled to speak, freedom itself allows me to.

The rest of the State I am sure is not surprised that a town that has been anti war (for almost any reason) for years, and is hosting the "Great Midwest Marijuana Harvest Festival" would be excited to try to find a reason to not support this.

But think beyond yourselves and for the greater good and safety of a country that fights for that festival to be held or that allows flags of opposing lifestyles to be flown.

Without those jets freedom and speech itself is infringed upon.

I ask the council ask those citizens that have concerns to pay the price for all of us. They do not have to fight rain soaked, taking cover from literal bombs, against malaria or an entrenched enemy first hand but they should just consider putting up with a little jet noise. So many Americans before them have put up with so much more.

Without that noise, without that security, we open ourselves up to giving up the ability of ourselves and other Americans to breathe free.

Kind regards,

MATTHEW Schultz

From: Carl Landsness <weneedadream@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:49 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: The F-35 proposal

I've heard far more passion (pro and con) re the F-35 jets at Truax since the [Environmental Impact Statement](#) was released than ever before...

with proponents speaking of economic benefits, public service, freedom and security...

and opponents speaking of noise pollution, discriminatory impact, chemical pollution and over-sized military.

I'm concerned that if this proceeds as an us/them, win/lose, good/bad process...

that **ALL** will lose (in physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ways)...

no matter who 'wins'.

There are win/win alternatives available (e.g. hidden gifts and grace disguised as pain and problems)... especially at a soul level...

if a critical mass of people will surrender [ego pride and poisons](#) to a higher power, purpose and perspective...

and do the hard humbling work of self-examination, self-improvement, self-discipline and self-less service.

If we do...


the benefits will ripple to all other aspects of being, doing, relating, resolving, serving and stewarding...

at this most precariously pivotal point in human history.

What will you/we choose?

[Carl Landsness](#) (the giraffe guy)

District 6



Madison's municipal philosopher: Carl Landsness brings the moderation

Chris Rickert | Wisconsin State Journal

"When I put these ears on ... all I can hear is the language of the heart."

PS I grew up directly under the main flight path (on Waubesa by Kipp) during the 50's when active Air Force jets flew often and **low**.

Noise (and pollution) was accepted then (including frequent trains and bustling factories) as means for survival...

unaware of the long-term impact.

I'm concerned that if we swing the pendulum too far and fast in the other direction (**based on current consciousness**)...
we will cause more harm than good (**in new ways**)...
and miss a critical catalyst for an evolutionary paradigm shift...
and **survival**.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Military Families Wisconsin <kimiggraff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Good morning-

My name is Kimberly Graff, President of Protecting Military Families in Wisconsin. I'm writing today to share my support for the F-35 mission in Madison.

Truax has an amazing history of military aviation which shouldn't be curtailed. We need to support the efforts of our military and the training needed to protect this great nation.

We ask you oppose the resolution opposing the F-35 mission.

Respectfully

Kimberly Graff

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Kimberly Graff

President - Founder

Protecting Military Families in Wisconsin

155 Buten St

Milton Wisconsin

(608) 512-7905

kimiggraff@gmail.com

From: Dick Smith <dicksm1568@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:57 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: NO to F-35's in Madison

General Information

Name: Dick Smith
Address: 315 Virginia Terrace
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53726
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: dicksm1568@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please stop this madness. Vote against the F-35 project. Madison does not need this. The people living in those impacted neighborhoods certainly don't need it.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Brian Lavendel <blavendel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: requesting that you oppose F-35s in Madison

Dear City of Madison Alders,

I would like to add my voice to those asking that we oppose bringing the F-35s to Madison.

There are so many valid reasons to oppose these weapons. But one of the most valid in my mind is that our nation and our world and planet cannot survive investing more in the military. Our community must stand in opposition to this waste of valuable resources. The Cit of Madison and Dane County are not for sale and we cannot let ourselves be bought by the big-money military-industrial complex, and by politics that support war profiteering.

I believe that a vote in favor of the F-35s is a vote in favor of continued militarization, threat, intimidation and destruction. Please help Madison stand against war and against the growing militarization of our society.

Thank you.

Yours in Community,
Brian Lavendel, PhD
2302 Center Ave,
Madison, WI 53704

From: beth hanson <behanson2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Thank you

Thank you City Council members for your opposition to the proposed F-35 invasion of our city.
I strongly support your resolution.

Sincerely,
Beth Hanson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jennifer Blasen <jblasen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35s

Please let it be known that I support the City Council resolution lead by Foster/Kemble in opposing the F-35s.

Jenny Blasen
1718 Jenifer St.
Madison, WI 53704

Jenny Blasen Pottery
www.jennyblasenpottery.com
www.facebook.com/JennyBlasenPottery

From: Kat Ruth-Leigh <kruthleigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:05 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: I support the original F-35 resolution

Dear Mayor and Alders:

I support the originally drafted resolution in opposition to the beddown of F-35 planes in Madison, and I urge you to vote in favor of it tonight.

Many people have already told you the merits and demerits of the planes and the decision, including the Air Force itself. I hope you will take all that information into account in how you choose to vote. I am more interested here in describing to you what your vote means to me and the residents of this town.

Your vote is a referendum on:

- Whether and how much you value the future of my 16 month old child and the hundreds of other young people, who will grow up with the planes taking off over our house.
- Your commitment to addressing social and structural inequalities that many of you pay lip service to caring about correcting.
- Your ability to step above the fray and take a stand against a federal body that is -in its narrative - pitting jobs against homes in a community we all share. You should not allow them to do this. We can have jobs that sustain our community, and we can have homes that are safe and quiet. The Air Force should not put us in this position, and your vote can be a counterweight against this untenable position that is rupturing our local goodwill towards each other. You can say no to that.
- Your integrity and authenticity in the offices you hold. The residents you represent are watching what happens tonight, and there are people in every district who can see with clear eyes what a terrible deal this is for Madison and our collective future. This is shaping up to be a real life issue here for the next ten years. Your vote tonight will become part of the long term narrative, for better or worse.

Lastly:

- You can support the military and war generally speaking and be against the jets.
- You can support our neighbors who have jobs on the base and be against the jets. (I do, very much so, and I hope you do too).
- You can support the Air Force specifically and be against the jets.
- You can support the needs and mission of the federal government generally and be against the jets.
- You cannot support the jets and this community as a whole at the same time.
- You cannot support the jets and the big picture of the local economy at the same time.
- You cannot support the jets and say you believe in a prosperous future for this city at the same time.

I look forward to seeing how you all vote tonight.

Kat
3015 commercial ave, 53704

From: Zachary <brewslit@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:06 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Madison City Alders,

I am writing to express my disappointment that some of you have decided that having an F-35 mission based out of Madison's Truax Field is not desirable or in the best interest of our fine city. I ask that those of you bringing forth the resolution to oppose basing the F-35 here desist in this effort and that you all unanimously resolve to support the F-35. I have been a resident of Madison and McFarland my entire life. I remember watching the A-10's fly over our elementary school in the 1980s and was excited to become a member of the 115th Fighter Wing when the F-16 first made it's appearance back in 1994. Those jets are now becoming outdated, and need to be replaced. The fact that the Air Force is even considering the 115th Fighter Wing is an honor, but an honor that has been earned by the sacrifices of the men and women of the Fighter Wing over the last 70+ years. The motto is "Dedicated to Excellence", and this wing and it's members exemplify this every day. As long as the Air Force has been dominating the skies worldwide, Truax Field has had military aircraft assigned. I fear that if the F-35 is not chosen and the F-16s we currently have outlive their useful lives, the Fighter Wing may cease to exist. I understand we are noisy. But we've always been noisy. The 747s that take off from DCRA are noisy as well, but no one has made any effort to close the airport. I understand Madison's history as a liberal, progressive community, and have always been proud of that. However one of the tenets of maintaining peace throughout the world is to project strength, and air superiority is a tangible way to express that sentiment. There is no shame in wanting a better, more peaceful world for us and our children, but I believe in my heart that one of the ways to that world is to project strength to our enemies by having technological wonders like the F-35 strategically placed throughout our nation, and what better place than our hometown of Madison. Please support the F-35 basing initiative, and stop opposing through misguided resolutions. Thank you [for your time](#),

[Zach Brewer](#)
[Senior Master Sergeant, WI Air National Guard](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carole W <carolewakefield01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:07 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 opposition

Hello. I am out of state visiting family but want to voice my opposition to the F-35s at Truax.

Carole Wakefield
2025 Rutledge Street
Madison WI 53704-5544
608 556 9775

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From: Connie & Randy Burmeister <crburm@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:08 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Placement of the F-35's at Madison's 115th Air National Guard Base

To the Madison Alders in opposition of the placement of the F-35's at Madison's 115th Air National Guard Base:

My wife and I are in **FULL SUPPORT** of the arrival of the F-35's.

The Truax Field Air Base has been around since the early 1940's and is part of the history of Madison and Dane County. We should be proud that the 115th Air National Guard Unit has been selected for the placement of the F-35's. This base is ranked as one of the highest Air Force bases in the United States. Our men and women serving us have done an outstanding job to receive such recognition. They are on call to help communities across Wisconsin when disaster strikes. They leave their families at home to serve and support missions all over the world. We must support the base and placement of the F-35's for this important work to continue.

And there is much support for the 115th Fighter Wing. When the F-16's do a flyover at Camp Randall Stadium at the conclusion of the National Anthem, the roar of the crowd shows support for these jets. What you hear is the **SOUND OF FREEDOM**.

What about the economic impact if the base doesn't receive the F-35's replacing the soon to be retired F-16's? Would the base close? All of the information that we've read points to the fact that having the F-35's at the base will result in an economic boost to Madison.

We were both born and raised in Madison and remember sonic booms. Now we live in the City of Sun Prairie. The F-16 jets, Army Air National Guard helicopters, commercial airlines, Med Flight, FedEx, and private planes fly over our home at all hours. None of these noises bother us because they only last for a few moments. The benefits far outweigh the noise.

We strongly urge you to oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing.

Randy and Connie Burmeister

Sun Prairie, WI

From: Gilbert Kania <gilkania1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:09 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's---- I was in the U S Air Force- - - .Music to my ears. I support the F-35's

gilkania1@gmail.com



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From: Abra Vigna <abra.vigna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: PLEASE TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY TO OPPOSE THE F-35s!

Dear Alders of Madison,

I encourage you to take action to oppose bringing F-35s to Madison. The burden of this acquisition will disproportionately fall on poor communities and communities of color and the benefits of bringing the F-35's do not outweigh this consequence.

Beyond that, as a citizen of this city I oppose the acceptance of F-35s for myself in terms of noise pollution and I do not live immediately adjacent to the fields but close enough to be bothered by existing fighter jets and prefer the jets we currently have to leave Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Abra Vigna
122 Dunning St
Madison 53704

From: Nolan Adsit <nolanadsit@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: We want F35s!

Dear Alders,

I wish to express that I fully support our military operations of the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison. And that I oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing. I think it would be a shame if Wisconsin lost this military operation.

Thank you,

Nolan Adsit

From: Margaret Washa <maggiewasha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:13 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax

Good People,

Thank you for taking a minute to read this.

I am opposed to the F-35s coming to Truax. I know there would be economic benefit to the City if they did, but Madison is known for its great quality of life, and this would be compromised, far outside of the sound barrier lines shown on the maps. The **current** military jets are deafening to anyone outdoors in a perimeter far exceeding the conservative maps drawn. Conversation must stop or be shouted over the noise. Now it will be increased by about 4, and the area expanded. This is not good for Madison and will significantly decrease property values in an area far exceeding the maps drawn. Can you imagine choosing to live with that kind of noise pollution if you had a choice?

My other concern is the chemicals sprayed on these jets to make them undetected by radar. It is toxic. It must be washed off and resprayed after each test flight. Not good for our precious, struggling watershed in Dane County. Also, it would be good to know if these practice flights will be carrying a live payload as part of their practice runs. This would add another level of danger to our peaceful community. Please keep these considerations in mind and you decide what your recommendation will be.
Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Margaret Washa

From: Matt Eakins <mnseakins95@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the 115th Fighter Wing

Good Morning,

I would like to show my support for the F35 coming to the 115th and the positive impact it will have on the unit and our community.

The F35 will allow them to perform the same mission they do today, with the most advanced technology available. It concerns me that we would intentionally want to ask our friends and neighbors to do our nations bidding with anything less than the best equipment available.

Please do everything you can to give our fellow Wisconsinites the best opportunity to be successful! There is too much at stake to not.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully

Matt Eakins

From: Jonathan Rubin <jemery321@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:19 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Proposal to to stop F 35 Jets in Madison

General Information

Name: Jonathan Rubin
Address: 914 Royster Oaks Dr. Apartment 120
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53714
Phone: 608-320-3628
Work Phone:
Email: jemery321@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please please please do not allow F 35 jets to replace the F-16 jets we already have to tolerate. The noise from the Jets is already intolerable for myself, my children, and my dog. I have multiple sclerosis and spend almost every hour of the day in my home. Noise brings me in intense pain. I've been told the F 35's Open told the F 35's Will be four times as loud as the F16s.

In addition, the presence of war jets flying over our home makes it feel like a battle zone to my poor children which is traumatizing for them!

Please block this!

Jonathan Rubin

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Sherry Hinkle <bearhinkle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35

To all City of Madison Alders:

I strongly oppose the resolution asking the Federal government to not have the F-35 jets in based at Truax Field in Madison. I believe to pass this resolution will cause grave harm economically to Madison and Dane County. I urge you to abandon this resolution.

Thank you,

Sherry Hinkle
800 W. Jefferson Street
Stoughton, WI.

From: carrie.glantz <carrie.glantz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:29 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing

Dear Madison Alders,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing. The 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission is important and deserves our support.

Thank you,
Caroline Glantz

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: Jean and Steven Huxmann <jshuxmann@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:30 AM
To: All Alders; tlna@yahoogroups.com
Subject: F-35 TEST PROPOSAL

We need to go beyond print and verbal discussions of this situation, to find out what the impact would really be like. Here is a suggestion:

- 1) Create 9-10 groups of East Side and Isthmus Madisonians.
- 2) Locate them around the whole East Side, to the Square.
- 3) Do an ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION FLY-OVER OF THE F-35 PLANES (historically a group of 3, taking off singly, then doing several circular, loud, low-level passes over the city).
- 4) Have each group judge the sound/disturbance level, using normal hearing.
- 5) Based on these reactions, adopt or reject the F-35 basing through a council resolution.

Steven Huxmann
426 North Few Street

From: John Schomburg <jmschomburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:31 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Common Council F-35 Basing Resolution

Council Members,

Having experienced in person, and up close on many occasions the take off, and landing of both F-16's, and F-35's, I can honestly say there is no real noticeable increase in the noise produced by the F- 35's. In fact, due to the lower tone of the F-35 sound compared to the F-16, I strongly believe the F-35 comes across as less of a audible burden.

With that said, I greatly oppose any resolution that would be against the basing of the F-35's at Truax Field! While completely supporting the 115th FW and the F-35 aircraft upgrade.

The F-35 is an incredible capability upgrade for the 115FW, and a positive opportunity for the state of Wisconsin.

Regards,
John Schomburg

From: sophia.chiron@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:32 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: sophia chiron
Subject: F-35s

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of the F-35s, particularly in Madison WI. I think they are unnecessary and will be harmful to our community.

1. The noise they will bring is dangerously loud and will be extremely annoying. I am concerned that the noise will affect my property value. I have lived in my home for 26 years so I am quite familiar with the noise from the F-16s and really worry about the F-35s.
2. I worry about how the noise will affect children folks that are hearing sensitive.
3. I don't want our lovely little city to be a target because we house these fighter jets.

I am asking you to please, please, please vote against the F-35s in Madison.

Your devoted constituent,
Sophia Chiron Stevens
1829 Kropf Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
District 12

From: Sarah Burgess <sarahmburgess@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:33 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Banning fighter jets

Yes! I support this resolution to ban F-35s from Madison skies. We deserve peaceful skies. We deserve to sing songs, and play and talk and be heard outside with our children, friends and neighbors, without the presence of fighter jets over our heads and in our lives. And the environmental impact makes it clear the right choice to make. No more fighter jets please.

Thank you,
Sarah

From: Alexander Abbott <aabbott@carthage.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:34 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition of Resolution to oppose F-35 basing

To whom it may concern,

This email is to voice my concern for the opposition of the Resolution to oppose the F-35 basing at Truax Field, WI.

Having been a student, resident, and an avid taxpayer to the State of Wisconsin, I strongly support the basing of the F-35's in Wisconsin. Throughout my time as a student in the state, I have met and encountered numerous personnel from the 115th Fighter Wing that had also attended school. The education benefits, as well as location, of the Guard unit drove the students to seek education within the state of Wisconsin and ultimately drove their decision to become permanent residents once they graduated. The economic impact of the Guard employing college-aged students from out-of-city is insurmountable when coupled with the fact that a vast majority of these students spend money earned, pay tuition, and then become permanent residents once graduated. Adding on, I have also seen the economic impacts the Guard has on the city of Madison, as many of it's members live within the city and Dane county and the jobs created for the residents of Madison.

Being a resident of Wisconsin, I regularly fly in and out of the Dane County Regional Airport. The fire and emergency services provided to the airport and surrounding area are often an overlooked commodity, as well as the runway and taxiway improvements the Guard helps facilitate. Knowing the unit is there to protect and improve the airport environment is an ease of mind I, and many others, enjoy having.

The 115th Fighter Wing also provides reassuring air security with their current NORAD 24/7 alert status. If there ever were any situations requiring immediate air support and protection to the greater Wisconsin and Chicago area, many others as well as myself would be relieved to know that we had Wisconsin citizens protecting us in the skies.

I thank you for taking the time to read this email, and I thank you all for serving in the selfless public role as alders to help better the City and it's residents. All of the benefits I have listed above I have witnessed first-hand and have seen how the 115th Fighter Wing provides support and services to the City and it's citizens. If the decision is made by the alders to oppose the basing of the F-35, there is a strong possibility that the Wing may lose it's flying mission - as well as most of it's National Guard Bureau and Air Force funding. The loss of the Wing's flying mission could potentially close the entire Wing down, which would result in all economic, emergency, and national service support to disappear. I understand some residents have concerns regarding the noise from the new jets, but the greater good of the City and **all** of it's residents - not the ones within earshot of the airport - should be the focus of the alders and their policies. I please ask that you reconsider opposing the F-35 basing and listen to the majority of residents when making this decision.

Respectfully,

-Alex Abbott

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Alex Abbott
Carthage College - Class of 2017
Physics Major/Mathematics Minor

From: Emily Mills <lostalbatross@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:33 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: For the record: Please oppose F35s in Madison

Madison Alders,

I am a resident of the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood, specifically the small section that, according to the military's own EIS, will be most impacted by the addition of the F35A fighter jet to Truax. In fact, our home is labeled as "potentially incompatible for residential use" if/when the jets bed down here.

The current F16s are already loud enough to disrupt speech (and certainly sleep, since I've heard them fly over in the evenings as well as daytime), and I can't imagine the impact they have on children, especially those with sensory issues/special needs.

The EIS and the City's own analysis also point to the disproportionate and negative impact the F35s would have on neighborhoods with a higher-than-city average population of people of color. Add to this that many of the houses and apartments to be impacted are some of the few remaining options for affordable living in Madison, and it becomes painfully clear that this is yet another project that would benefit the few and harm the many, particularly our most vulnerable communities - and those that have already suffered the most under previous, poorly planned/unjust and inequitable "urban renewal" efforts.

Many of my neighbors are also the folks who don't have time and/or bandwidth to attend meetings on the other side of town, if at all, in order to express their concerns directly to those with power (though MEJO went door-to-door in the Truax neighborhood and got input: <http://mejo.us/truax-apartment-residents-on-f-35s>).

I'm aware that there's a lot of money behind the push to get the jets here - including via the Badger Air Citizens Council, which was handing out free hats and stickers at the open house last week and appears to be run entirely by well-off white business men who don't live in the impacted communities. I'm aware that politicians that I otherwise support (Baldwin and Pocan) have championed the base. I'm also aware that members of the Air Guard depend on the base for their livelihoods, and there is some threat of Truax eventually being closed if there is no continued air mission there.

I believe we have to weigh the short term gain of the few against the long term loss of the many and more vulnerable, and I believe that it's more important for Madison to finally put its money where its progressive mouth is. This project is a bad fit for the city and will cause untold economic and social damage to those who can least afford it.

My partner bought our condo just a year ago as her first home purchase ever. There's a very good chance that, if the F35s come to Madison, we will either be forced to leave a neighborhood we've come to love (and one of the few places within city limits where we could actually afford to buy), or to watch our home lose value while suffering whatever ill health and wellness effects come with jets that are four times louder than the current ones.

The whole thing, quite frankly, stinks.

Please vote for the resolution to oppose the F35 plan, as introduced by AldersFoster, Rummel, Kemble, Heck, Evers, and Abbas.

Thank you,
-Emily Mills
1021 Melvin Ct
Madison WI 53704

From: Jay Bob Immel <jaybobimmel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:35 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Good Morning All,

I want to voice my support for the F-35 program coming to Madison.

I am a property owner that will be directly effected by the F-35s. I currently get to hear the passenger jets flying over and the F-16s are definitively a bit louder but it's a small sacrifice we can make. I know it's a cliché and in the world we live in it's almost a polarizing statement, but freedom isn't free. I was not a service member, but showing my support for the next generation of fighter is the least I can do.

I represent the silent majority, the people who are too busy living their lives to show support for most causes they believe in, but this is the least I can do.

It will mean business for the city and protection for the country. Whatever your political beliefs are, I think these are 2 things that almost everyone can support.

Thank you for your time.

Jay Bob Immel

From: Taralie Peterson <tarpet408@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:39 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: f35's

General Information

Name: Taralie Peterson
Address: 205n 6th street
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 217-412-4922
Work Phone:
Email: tarpet408@hotmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please sign the order today to stand against the F35's being brought into our community. This is just awful. The increase in noise is absolutely going to be awful. And people will lose home value!

Recipient:
All Alders

From: John Stevenson <johnrstevenson13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35's

Hello.

I am out of state today, but I want to voice my opposition to the F-35s at Truax.

John Stevenson

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: Resolution opposing F-35 jets

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caroline Garber <garber.caroline@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 11:34:30 AM CDT
To: district6@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35 jets

Dear Marsha,

Please add my voice to those of my neighbors in support of the resolution opposing the F-35 fighter jets in Madison. I understand that a resolution will be voted on at tonight's City Council meeting. We reside in the neighborhood and are strongly opposed to having these fighter jets located in Madison.

Thank you,
Caroline Garber

From: anthony.russo@bgab.afcent.af.mil
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:48 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: thebadgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support F-35 in Madison

To whom it may concern:

I support the basing of the F-35 at Truax Field, Madison Wisconsin. For the Madison and surrounding area, the significant economic impact a major government project such as the F-35 should be the main catalyst towards community support as well as the support for a patriotic cause with a direct impact. However it is understandable that in accordance with the findings of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS), there are concerns for the noise that the F-35 may bring. As a 115FW member whom has direct involvement with the operations of the wing's current mission, I can accurately and objectively attest that the findings under the EIS concerning sortie generation and noise contours are extreme and present a worst case scenario and are not an accurate representation of the norm that can be expected for future F-35 operations.

The EIS provides metrics that grossly overstate the sortie generation that can be expected for F-35 operations in a normalized Air National Guard unit such as the 115FW. Current 115FW F-16 operations that will closely mirror future F-35 operations do not execute anywhere near the amount of sorties that are defined within the F-35 EIS. Realistic and objective items to consider that will dramatically decrease the overstated sortie count within the EIS are:

- Off station training sorties
- Off station operational sorties
- Weather attrition
- Maintenance attrition
- Increased training sortie generation through the F-35 simulator

Additionally, the EIS defines sound contours that correlate to afterburner takeoff power that is highly overstated. Fighter aircraft utilized strict and definitive procedures for when afterburner takeoff power is required based on aircraft weight, parasite drag, pressure altitude, and outside air temperature. Unlike the F-16, the F-35 contains a more powerful engine (non-afterburning) and almost never flies with externally carried stores and equipment. Both of these parameters will significantly reduce if not eliminate the requirement for afterburner takeoff power for the F-35 that will considerably diminish sound contours in the Madison area.

I support the F-35 coming to Madison Wisconsin. I believe the economic impact that the 115FW currently brings to the Madison area is significant and will continue to grow should the F-35 be selected. I also understand that noise is a concern to the local community of Truax Field, but I believe that the EIS overstates this concern and the Madison community will not experience a noise disturbance that is any different than current airport operations of today.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mrill Ingram <mrillcom2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: No F-35s!

I am in strong support of the Common Council resolution to oppose F-35 jets in Madison.

There is not a single good reason for Madison to host the airplanes. It is exceedingly important that the city, including all alders and the mayor, **take a strong stand** on the issue.

As a forward-looking municipality we need to resist a minority-led effort that is costly, against Madison's interest as a growing city, discriminatory against many people, especially more vulnerable folks, un-environmental, a threat to the climate, and warlike.

Sincerely
Mrill Ingram
2151 Oakridge Ave.
Madison, WI, 53704

From: Dace Zeps <dacezeps@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Implore you to Support the Resolution in Opposition the F-35 beddown at Truax

I am opposed to the F-35 in principle and think this project should have been scrapped years ago. However, if I did not, the draft [Environmental Impact Statement](#) issued by the Air National Guard raised so many concerns regarding noise and environmental impact. These alone should have negated Madison from consideration in the first place.

Even though I can currently watch the F-16s fly right over my house which is just a couple of blocks outside the new 65 DNL lines, for me, this is really about the false economic promises to the community.

At a time when we should be focusing all our attention, money, and resources on Climate Chaos solutions,

1. The F-35 project nationwide is projected to cost 1.6 TRILLION DOLLARS. Cost overruns are common. Each plane costs nearly \$100 million to build, and each flight costs \$42,000. **As a society we cannot justify that when we have domestic needs that are not being met.**

And, if that were not the case:

1. The number of new jobs created is estimated to be 64. **The economic benefits to our community are minimal and do not outweigh the costs in any case.** Dane County taxpayers pay \$201.33 million per year for the F-35 program, which will provide no more than \$5 million per year in jobs.

I can find no argument to justify subjecting anyone to this, particularly here in Madison. Even the manufacturer of this plane states that it should not be stationed in a urban setting.

Peace,
Dace A. Zeps
3013 Worthington Ave
Madison, WI 53714-1635
608-358-2940

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life." - Jane Addams

"As long as all people and critters are fed and safe, all other work will always be there tomorrow." ~ Shannon Hayes, Radical Homemakers

Veldran, Lisa

From: Paul Cochran <PaulCochra@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets

Hello

I live on the east side and I oppose the proposal to have F-35 flying over Madison. The noise level will be unacceptable.

Thank you

Paul Cochran

5118 E. Buckeye Road

Madison WI

53716

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Another Reason to Oppose the F-35A Jets - John Nichols: F-35 project is the military-industrial complex at its worst.

[From today's Capital Times: John Nichols: F-35 project is the military-industrial complex at its worst](#)

The F-35 project is an example of commercial greed at its most indefensible. It has no place in Madison or anywhere else in Wisconsin.

From: jonathan braden <jonbraden@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose F-35 beddown in Madison

Madison is a beautiful, vibrant city, it is not a good location for the f-35 program. Supersonic jets with high noise levels carrying armaments are not compatible with an urban area where so many residents will be adversely impacted when things go according to plan, when something goes awry, not according to plan, an accident, there are too many lives at stake, this is a risk we cannot afford as a city.

Jon Braden
156 Dixon st.
Madison Wi 53704

From: Holly Cohn <hollycohn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:53 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35's

I live in district 6 and I oppose having the F-35's at Truax for multiple reasons. The potential environmental impact on the surrounding housing, causing this area to be unlivable is appalling.

The increased noise, the environmental hazards of PFAs, the cost to examine for contaminants and then remediate, a possible accident over a city, whether these planes will or will not carry weapons if called upon at a time of threat, and the questionable cost of the entire F-35 project.

Thank you,
Holly Cohn
3014 Oakridge Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Finn Ryan <finnryan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:54 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F35 resolution

I support the resolution opposing the basing of the F35s at Truax Field. I live in the flight path to the south of the main runway. Noise from the F16s frequently interrupts activity, conversation, and sleep at my house and my children's schools. The F35s will be louder according to the EIS. The increased noise will disproportionately impact low income and minority communities and make many homes incompatible with residential use. This impact alone should exclude Truax Field from consideration.

In addition, the Wisconsin Air National Guard refuses to address current PFAS contamination at their base. This contamination is impacting surface and groundwater in the City of Madison and must be addressed by the Wisconsin Air National Guard immediately.

Thank you,
Finn Ryan
Atwood
Madison, WI

From: Anne Beal <anne-basil@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:54 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

Dear Alder Rummel and other alders,

I am writing in opposition to having F-35s at Truax Field.

As an east sider, I am of course negatively effected by the current noise of jets overhead. Looking at the maps of expected impact, I am concerned that I will be even more effected by the F-35s. This effects the enjoyment of my property, and may reduce my (and others') property's value.

I am also concerned about the particular negative impact these jets would have on lower income people, who live closer to the airfield, and have fewer choices about where to live.

It is also my understanding that these jets are unnecessary and another example of military overspending, with little benefit to the community.

Thank you for your attention to this email. Please vote against having F35s at Truax Field and in Madison.

Sincerely,
Anne Beal

From: Susanne Ripple Welke <susan.welke@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:57 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please support NO resolution on F-35s.

Hello Mayor and Alderpersons,

Thank you for being politically engaged and doing the work that you do.

We and our families have lived on the west side since the 1950's. We moved to the north side 3 years ago to reduce our cost of living. Most of the family still lives west. The north side is very diverse, which we enjoy. This diverse area is finally being discovered and property values are increasing. Please don't impose on the north and east sides the increase in horrendous noise and vibration from the F-35s and increased flights. The F-16s we accept, even though at times they are so low over our house that the house shakes. We cover our ears when they fly over. The noise is deafening. Please let us be a strong area of Madison for families, schools, broad areas of the economy, and our public spaces, all of which will be damaged by the noise level and frequency of the F-35 flights.

There is no credible indicator of how many jobs will remain at Truax, but indications are that all will remain. Madison has low unemployment and jobs promised should not be a consideration. INSTEAD, please consider what it is like for the many thousands of us who live on the North and East sides, within 2 miles of the airport. Do not subject us to the unacceptable increase in thunderous noise and vibration from the F-35s .

Please don't support the F35s for patriotic reasons. We love our country, and understand the need for a strong military. There are bases much less urban owned by the military which are appropriate for this new aircraft. Madison is not. If you question this, come to our house and experience the F-16s for yourself.

Please support the NO resolution presented tonight by our 6 alders. It is your duty to do what's right for this large population that lives in the city you represent.

Sincerely,
Susanne Ripple Welke
Kurt Welke
1409 Lake View Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Trish Haza <trishenaix@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support resolution 57364 v2

Dear Madison Alders:

I am Trish Haza and I live at 3238 Thorp Street, Madison WI 53714 and have called the east side of Madison home for 33 years. I am writing you today to ask you to **support the Common Council Resolution Opposing the F-35A Fighter Jets at Truax Field**

I have been working hard to stay informed on this issue. I believe the negative impact on our community and environment way outweigh the positives. My top two concerns are the negative health effects for the east side citizens and the negative environmental effects to both our air and water. I believe the best location for these jets in the State of Wisconsin is Volk Airfield.

The Air Force has released for public comment a draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the impacts of the proposed beddown of a squadron of new F-35 fighter jets at existing Air National Guard bases in Wisconsin, Idaho, Florida, Michigan and Alabama. The Wisconsin base at Truax Field would receive a squadron of 18 fighter jets. Of the five sites evaluated in the EIS, Truax Field has the greatest environmental justice and health impacts due the low-income and minority families that live adjacent to the county airport and thousands of residents who live on the east and north sides of Madison.

There are so many reasons to oppose Truax Field as a location for these new jets. Many of these are clearly presented in the draft EIS. I ask you to support the Common Council resolution opposing Truax Field at a site these new jets.

Here are some of my reasons for opposing these jets:

The existing noise due to current fighter jets and county airport operations is already unacceptable.

This project promotes environmental racism.

Our children will be especially vulnerable to the effects of this project.

The Air Force and Air National Guard will provide no funds for noise abatement.

Operations at Truax Field are responsible for contaminating local groundwater with fire-fighting chemicals, including PFAS, requiring the shutdown of Well 15. This is not a good track record.

Madison residents are actively working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage more people to live in the city. Madison and Dane County currently lead Wisconsin in population growth. Rather than encouraging people to live where they work and play, the F-35A squadron will make the city a less desirable place to live and promote urban sprawl, unsustainable lifestyles and global warming.

Please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the use of Truax Field for the proposed F-35A fighter jets.

Trish Haza
3238 Thorp St
Madison WI 53714

From: Stacey Carroll <scarroll8787@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

Dear Madison alders,

I am writing you to let you know that I am in favor of the F35's coming to Madison. Truax Field is basically a big employer in the community and Madison cannot afford to lose another big employer like it did with Oscar Mayer. Not only does the base provide employment to thousands of Madison/Dane county residents but it also provides a sense of pride for our state and country. Everytime I have been at an event and they play the star spangled banner I get goosebumps for the pride I have for my country, and if by chance there is a flyover.....it is an amazing!!! I golf on the east side and everytime the F16's fly over we all stop and stare in awe and pride of our military right here in Madison. Everyone says they support the military yet they are trying to take away their jobs and homes. If the F35's do not come here, the base will have to close and those military families will have to move to another state. So not only will that hurt the military families but also our own economy. We need the F35's to continue to grow our economy and community.

Thanks,
Stacey Carroll

Veldran, Lisa

From: kevinwest1874 <kevinwest1874@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Katelyn West; All Alders
Subject: Re: We support the F-35 Mission!

I agree with Katelyn West. This is such a big opportunity for the community!

I am retired from the Air Force, from Wisconsin and i can attest to what this opportunity brings!!!

1. \$\$\$\$ looking at billions, not millions
2. A group of disciplined citizens who love contributing to the communities
3. Wonderful moral, value and principled centered people!!! Not just their money. Their skills, education, love and commitment!!!

I am 62 years old with over 35 years of military & public service. I love Wisconsin and the Sun Prairie area!

Please allow this to happen for my children and grandchildren and so many more!

You will never regret allowing this to take place! I support the F-35 Mission and the 115th Fighter Wing and the contributions they bring!

Sincerely,

KEVIN S. WEST
SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
601-649-8259

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

----- Original message -----

From: Katelyn West <katelyn.l.west@gmail.com>
Date: 9/16/19 9:31 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: allalders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: We support the F-35 Mission!

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my unwavering support for the F-35s and the incredible revenue they will bring to Madison and the surrounding communities. The opposing resolution not only hurts our local economy, but it goes against the one thing we should all be unified in- supporting our troops and the defense of this nation. Especially following remembrance of September 11, 2001, it should be fresh in our minds what the enemies of America are capable of and the importance in have a strong military and unwavering civilian support of our troops.

We support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission!!!

Respectfully,

Katelyn West
katelyn.l.west@gmail.com
608-770-1377

Veldran, Lisa

From: billp@wisav.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:04 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: 'Jeff Baum'
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Honorable Alders of Madison:

Please allow me to respectfully offer my take-away from the Public Comment event held last week as you consider the issue of the F-35 aircraft basing out of Dane County Regional Airport.

Attending the open forum last week it was quite apparent that there exists very considerable citizen support, many living in the nearby neighborhood, for the 115th fighter wing in general and the F-35 specifically. While there may be some very vocal opposers in your districts, the number of supporters publicly commenting at the open forum was 3-1 FOR the aircraft basing in Madison.

Trust that you'll bear that in mind as you consider the question before you this evening and remember that you are voted in to office to represent us all!

Thank you for your attention,

Bill Peterson
Citizen/Voter

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Green <adj@vfwwi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:05 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars Support FOR the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission
Attachments: F 35.pdf

Common Council
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Noon, 17 September, 2019

Dear Aldermen and Alderwomen of the City of Madison,

The United States' military strength is its biggest deterrence to war. There are no people in Wisconsin that want war less than those who have deployed and fought. The Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars will always support in favor of providing our men and women of the US Military the best advantage to survive future battles and when possible, to overwhelm any adversary. The F-35 mission will bring an unmatched advantage overall to the readiness of our highly deployable National Guard and Reserve Forces in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin VFW and its 27,000 members stand in favor of the F-35 mission coming to Truax field and urge all Wisconsin citizens to bear the small burden to deter war and in the event of war, secure victory.

Donald Lynch
State Commander, Wisconsin
Veterans of Foreign Wars

See attached, signed letter to the Common Council



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Common Council
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Madison, WI 53703

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald J. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "L".

Donald Lynch
State Commander, Wisconsin
Veterans of Foreign Wars

VFW DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Alysha Kenney <eddiecharlie1318@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax Field

To whom it may concern,

I would like to see the alder's support the F-35's coming to Truax Field. It would be a great loss to our surrounding area economically if they didn't and closed. Too many jobs would be lost.

Thank you Alysha

From: Eric Johnson <ejsawmill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35's should be based at the 115th

In no uncertain terms should a few progressives that knew what living near an airport would mean be able to stop the F-35's being based in Madison. To turn down the possibility of being chosen for this opportunity is an epic disappointment.

Please return to your hemp issues and leave the protection of the country to the adults in the room..

From: Jay Tucker <jamesraytucker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No F-35's at Truax

Dear Alders,

I live in the Eken Park neighborhood and I agree that the following concerns should be considered:

The existing noise due to current fighter jets and county airport operations is already unacceptable.

This project promotes environmental racism.

Our children will be especially vulnerable to the effects of this project.

The Air Force and Air National Guard will provide no funds for noise abatement.

Operations at Truax Field are responsible for contaminating local groundwater with fire-fighting chemicals, including PFAS, requiring the shutdown of Well 15. This is not a good track record.

Madison residents are actively working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage more people to live in the city. Madison and Dane County currently lead Wisconsin in population growth. Rather than encouraging people to live where they work and play, the F-35A squadron will make the city a less desirable place to live and promote urban sprawl, unsustainable lifestyles and global warming.

Please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the use of Truax Field for the proposed F-35A fighter jets.

Thank you,

Jay Tucker

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate Brethauer <bretdk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F 35

I wish to voice my support for resolution opposing the F 35 s in Madison.
I live on the east side and worry about noise pollution as well as emissions from these machines.
Thank you
Mary Brethauer
42 Dixon Street
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Alex Singer <alexcsinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: supporting resolution in opposition of F35s

Please (continue to) oppose allowing the F35s to be based in Madison.

Thank you,
Alex Singer
410 Luster Ave, Madison 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Lisa Brown <ryanlisabrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Hello,

Our family lives in the flight path and support the f35 project coming to the 115th base 100%!!! We need protection and jobs for our amazing military presence in this community.

Thank you,

Lisa Brown

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sonja Moskalik <sonjamoskalik@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s

Please vote no
Sonja Moskalik
746 E Gorham St
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amy Moran <kaplanmoranlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

I support the progressive resolution regarding not flying F-35s in and over the City.

Thank You.

Regards,
Amy Moran
926 Emerald St.
Madison, 53715

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joan kemble <tomjoankemble@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:15 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35

General Information

Name: Joan kemble
Address: 4211 School Rd
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 860-796-8746
Work Phone:
Email: tomjoankemble@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alders,

Your vote tonight on rejection of the F 35 in Madison may be the most important vote of your tenure. It will demonstrate whether you stand up for your values or just give lip service. Think of the effects on low and middle income folks and many people of color in and around the "dead" zone. They are your Madisonians.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: J Wakefield <metalbrock@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 jets

Oppose F35 jets at Truax.

John B. Wakefield
5710 Blacksmith Lane
Madison, Wisconsin 53716

Sent from my iPhone

From: Barb Irvin <barb.irvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Resolution #57364 V2

Dear Alders -

I'm writing in support of the resolution opposing the placement of the F35 jets at Truax Field.

Noise: As a former longtime east-side resident, I have experienced the disruption of the noise from commercial jets and the F16s. When I first lived there, the Air National Guard only flew 3 jets on Wednesdays. Over time, the number of jets and flights increased. I can't imagine the noise level of the F35s at 4 times the noise of the F16s. And there will be far more jets as well. I know from experience that the current flyovers are very disruptive to the children at the Goodman Community Center. And the flight patterns change depending on the wind so far more of the City will be affected than just the area highlighted in the EIS report.

Social injustice: I am very concerned that the residents and schools most affected are in lower income neighborhoods. The city already has a dearth of affordable housing and this will decrease that stock. And to have no recourse for the people in the mobile homes is completely unacceptable. They will have nowhere to go.

Environmental impact: The level of contamination from the Air National Guard and standard airport operations is already a problem. There will be more chemicals with the new jets.

Loss of property value: People buy houses on the eastside recognizing that there is a certain level of noise from the airport; however, no one expected that the level of noise would increase so substantially. Property values will decrease dramatically and some may not be able to even sell if they are close the "dead zone". No city would ever site an airport so close to residential areas and many have moved their airports far out of town. And those airports don't have the elevated noise levels of a fighter jet. So we should not be increasing the impact of our nearly urban airport.

Safety: Takeoff and landing are the most dangerous times of a flight and the possibility of a jet going down in the City is completely unacceptable. The risk is simply too great.

Thank you for your support of this resolution.

Barb Irvin
1115 Drake St
Madison, WI 53715

Veldran, Lisa

From: jill innes <greysheva@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

To my city alders:

Madison Common council should approve the resolution opposing the placement of F-35s at Truax. These overpriced machines of destruction have no place in an urban neighborhood.

Thank you all for your hard work,
Jill Innes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Cherri Wiley <aimlesslady@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I would like to oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing and show my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

Cherri Wiley
Deforest, WI

From: Alexis London <alexislondon@bayviewfoundation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support resolution to oppose F 35s at Truax

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing to express my strong opposition to bringing the F-35s to Truax Field. The deafening noises, air and water pollution in an area of Madison that includes some of the lowest income and diverse residents doesn't make any sense and goes against Madison ideals such as equity and environmental progressiveness. I have lived in the northside's Sherman Neighborhood for move 12 years. My house is currently in the F-16 flight path which already is a major concern due to the early morning exercises and deafening noise. I can't even fathom the detrimental auditory and negative quality of life impact of the F-35s in the community. The northside of Madison is finally experiencing a boom with new businesses opening on a regular basis and more and more families with small children moving to the area. Please don't limit the growth, beauty and quality of life (livability) on the northside. Please oppose the F-35 program at Truax and vote for the resolution.

Thanks,
Alexis London
1825 Melrose St, Madison, WI

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Alexis London
Executive Director
Bayview International Center for Education and the Arts
601 Bayview
Madison, WI 53715
608-256-7808
www.bayviewfoundation.org

From: margamini@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Heck, Patrick
Cc: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Resolution re: siting of F-35s at Truax

Dear Alder Heck and colleagues,

I am an owner/occupant of a small rental property at 454 N Few Street in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood, and have lived in Madison since 1984, mostly on the east side. I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship of resolution 57364 v4, and to request that the rest of the Council, particularly Alders Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Sheri Carter, Christian A. Albournas, Shiva Bidar, Keith Furman, Lindsay Lemmer, Arvina Martin and Donna V. Moreland support this substitute, rather than the alternative they have proposed.

Both the EIS itself and City of Madison staff report makes it clear that the siting of F-35s at Truax would have a disparate impact on low income communities, people of color, and children. The city of Madison staff report points out that the EIS **underestimates these impacts**. Look to your own staff's report for an analysis of the EIS.

Look to the Northside Planning Council for its comments on the economic impact of the siting, most particularly the lack of an assessment of the economic impact on our city, county and state. Look at the closure of Well 15, the cost of remediation of that well, and the Air Force's refusal to respond to requests for information and participation in the assessment of the source and impact of PFAS on our water supply.

Mitigation of noise by changing the flight paths is impossible. The airport is surrounded by human communities, and natural ones. Changing the flight path to avoid the Sherk Atwood neighborhood shifts it to Eastmoreland and Hawthorne neighborhoods, and so forth. I am not interested in simply shifting the impact from one neighborhood to another.

Remediation of our drinking water; devaluation or outright demolition of housing stock, which is already tight; enormous air pollution generated when the F-35s are in flight; devaluation of neighborhoods on the north and east sides, which we have spent decades rebuilding, and have decades more to go; devaluation of the East Washington corridor, just as we are looking at investing millions into BRT, and have already invested millions into the redevelopment of vacant or industrial properties into residential, recreational and commercial uses.

How is this not yet another shift of the burden of providing public services from the Federal government, and corporate and income taxes, onto local property taxes?

If it weren't so nauseating I would find it laughable that those who fancy themselves fiscal conservatives, attending city budget hearings in cute little baseball cap to symbolize their desire to cut the city budget are now wearing a different little cap, cheerleading for a project that even military hawks Sen. John McCain have called out as one of the most flawed, and the most expensive defense project in world history.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-went-wrong-with-the-f-35-lockheed-martins-joint-strike-fighter/>

Alder Heck, I appreciate your leadership on this issue, and your refusal to compound our many issues with environmental racism, K-12 education, water quality, air quality, economic development and housing affordability. I hope Alders Harrington-McKinney, Bidar, Carter, Albournas, Furman, Lemmer, Martin, Moorland and the rest of the council will come around on this resolution as well.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bergamini

454 N Few St
Madison, WI 53703

Veldran, Lisa

From: Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I support NO F-35s in Madison. Thank you.

For many reasons, noise is the most unforgivable, I urge you to oppose having F-35s in Madison.

From: Mary Horkan <maryehorkan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

As a neighbor to Madison's north side(DeForest) I firmly support the F-35's coming to Truax. This decision affects far more people than who live directly around the airport and certainly the future of Truax. Please oppose any resolution that inhibits the future of this important asset to our county and country.

Mary Horkan
3851 Sunny Wood Drive
DeForest, WI 53532

From: Keith Hofkens <keith_hofkens@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing? Absolutely!

Good Morning,

I'm emailing to express my support of basing the F-35 at Truax Field in Madison. Although I can definitely empathize with the concern over increased noise, I am concerned that we might be missing the forest through the trees - the benefits (for the base, city, state, and nation) over the past century, and would be guaranteed in the near future with the F-35, need to be considered and appropriately balanced with the recent uptick in concerns.

The F-35 ensures a future for a base that beyond national defense provides our community Emergency Medical Services, All-Hazards Response and Disaster Recover, Explosive Ordinance Disposal, First Responder Support, Cyber Security and Incident Response, Emergency Mobile Communications, Counter Drug and Response Oversight, Search and Rescue, and probably most notably our Dane County Regional Airport Fire Department. DCRA's Fire Department is 90% federally funded (thanks to the fighter wing flying mission) and provides emergency response capabilities for ~95,000 incoming and outgoing flights each year (90% of which are private and commercial - non-military) and emergency support to more than 1.5 million passengers who fly in and out of Madison annually.

Perhaps our/your efforts should be focused on a successful support/mitigation strategy for those affected/concerned and to sustain the positive impacts (the Fighter Wing has on our Local Community), as opposed to eliminating something that so proudly supports the entire city, state, and nation to appease the concerns of such a small percentage of our fellow citizens.

Let's come together as a community to support our neighbors affected by this transition, but do so in a manner that doesn't sacrifice the significant benefits we all share!

Sincere thanks for your service to our community and all that you do!

-Keith

From: Patty Ellefson <ellefsonpatty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 mission

Dear Alders,

I support the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission at Truax Field. The economic impact for Madison and the surrounding communities is clearly positive.

Without their presence, how will you pay for fire protection for the Dane County airport?

Thank you,

Pat Ellefson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Hertzfeldt, Mark <Mark_Hertzfeldt@CINFIN.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:38 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution to Oppose F-35A in Madison

Dear Alders of Madison:

I am writing to voice my opinion and urge you to NOT oppose the F-35A coming to Madison.

The current F-16 has been operating at Truax Field/Madison Dane County Airport for the past 27 years and the A-10 prior to that – why the sudden opposition to the F-35 is a mystery to me. The F-35 will continue a mutually beneficial relationship with the Wisconsin Air National Guard and the City of Madison that has been ongoing for the past 70 years.

Please allow the tradition between the citizen soldiers of the WIANG and Madison continue by welcoming the F-35 to our community.

Respectfully requesting your support,

Mark Hertzfeldt
22-year Air Force Veteran
Sauk City, WI

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: The 115 Fighter Wing and the F-35

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

I am proud to be a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport. I have been a member of the community for over 25 years.

The 115 Fighter Wing is a good neighbor, and whatever you may read or hear in lies and half-truths from opponents of Truax, and future basing of the F-35 in Madison, the 115 Fighter Wing does care about the community. The unit and its men and women have been part of the Madison community since 1948.

The Air National Guard base at Truax is essentially a complete micro-community, of approximately 1,200 employees, in many career fields, besides fighter pilots. The unit also employs doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, lawyers, civil engineers, 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--some right here in Madison at the University of Wisconsin.

In the event of a national emergency, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are called upon to protect us and to provide needed emergency services. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to the historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has protected all of us, and has responded to potential threats, can be sighted.

The fire department at Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) is fully funded by the USAF and the Department of Defense (DoD). The fire department at DCRA is a requirement for commercial airline flights. If we lose the F-35, the aging F-16C currently based at Truax, will eventually be phased out. When the F-16 is gone, DCRA will also lose its DoD-funded fire department, which will have to be replaced and staffed by Dane County, increasing our tax burden.

The F-35 ensures that the 115 Fighter Wing, a major Madison employer, paying excellent wages, benefits and educational opportunities, will be around for many years to come, long after all of you Alders and I, are gone. As often happens at 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 home to a number of companies that used to be based in Madison. Please do not lose another major Madison employer, especially one that pays excellent wages and benefits.

Regarding noise, the FAA 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 actually generate more noise, for a longer period of time, than the F-16 ever has. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are needed to accomplish the mission, than the F-16.

Noise and its possible negative impact on low-income housing has been expressed. I find this concern very ironic, considering the fact that the closest low-income housing to the airport is actually on the grounds of the former Truax Air Force Base, specifically, south and east of the corner of Anderson and Wright Streets, right across from the Madison Area Technical College—essentially on the grounds of DCRA. That low-income housing was formerly base housing for people assigned to Truax Air Force Base.

Many years ago, the City of Madison, with the approval of Alders, converted the former base housing into low-income housing. A few years ago, the City, with Alder approval, added more new low-income housing to that same area. This begs the question, if the F-35 as many erroneously claim, is going to make all of that housing uninhabitable, why did the Alders and the City approve low-income housing for that specific area? That low-income housing is on the grounds of the DCRA. It is an airport, there are commercial jet aircraft, corporate jets, and the 115 Fighter Wing, and there is occasional noise. However, the noise is not constant.

At many times, DCRA is very quiet place. The City of Madison, and its Alders are responsible for the placement of low-income housing, and if it has been placed in an unacceptable and uninhabitable area, the City of Madison, and Alders, should relocate it to a more suitable area. The low-income housing south and east of Anderson and Wright Streets could then be converted into an area for small start-ups, clean industry, office and retail space, and more usable space for MATC.

Please do not oppose something just for the sake of opposing something. Before you make your decision on whether or not to support the 115 Fighter Wing, and future basing of the F-35, as a citizen of Madison, I urge you to get all of the facts. Please contact the 115 Fighter Wing and the Badger Air Community Council and learn more about the issue, before you vote.

Please be open minded, and carefully consider both sides of this issue. This issue involves much more than just the basing of the F-35. Consider the economics and the jobs--1200 jobs and an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. Consider the security and community support the 115 Fighter Wing provides.

Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Kate Fox <katefox@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution that opposes the F-35

Good Afternoon,

I have lived and worked in Madison and the surrounding area for the majority of my life, and all of my adult life. I strongly oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35.

Respectfully,

Kate Fox

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jan Sternbach <sternbachj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:50 PM
To: All Alders; county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com
Subject: F-35's

I am writing to register my very strong opposition to the F-35 proposal for multiple reasons. I am limiting my comments only to tangible and measurable issues, although it is my firm belief that there are other very serious ethical and practical concerns that I could address with equal urgency.

- The areas of greatest impact, as identified by the Air Force themselves, has the greatest negative impact on parts of our community that are already struggling to improve the day to day experience of living in the neighborhoods.
- In such a populated area, a boundary of "greatest impact" where there is a possibility of residential noise abatement is arbitrary, even if the government guidelines did not exclude what they refer to as "temporary housing". The mobile homes most impacted are not permanent under this definition -- yet they are among the least expensive homes in a rapidly dwindling affordable housing market, and are as permanent as any housing for renters and low-income home owners.
- The dismissive argument that the noise "is no louder than a rock concert" begs the question of appropriate, liveable noise at any hour during the day. As it is, the current F-16's put a stop to conversations I can have while in my yard or with my windows open. They are not limited to a few nights a month, for three or so hours, which is what we would expect of an approved rock concert in a residential neighborhood. Having lived within hearing distance of Camp Randall stadium, on the near east side in "festival corridor", and now under the F16 flight path, I am able to speak to the way different parts of the city are expected to accept special-occasion noise. And I, like most residents, am happy to adjust to such special occasions. However, the F35s noise would not be limited to specific times and special occasions. I cannot imagine the response if, say, the F35s were to regularly fly over the neighborhoods and schools surrounding the stadium.
- Even a cursory search for concerns about the technical safety and challenges of the F35s reveals substantial questions and concerns raised *within* the defense industry. Articles in "Defense News:", for instance, have addressed these issues at length.
- We are already struggling with our ability to remediate contamination from Truax. It is inconceivable that the F35's would not exacerbate or contribute to continued issues. Madison is already teetering on serious health concerns with our water quality.

Finally, I would like to point out that support for F35s has nothing to do with respecting our military -- a topic that has been raised on my neighborhood list serve with some passion. Real respect might be seen in increased support and kept promises to veterans, with adequate and accessible health care, social and mental health support, educational opportunities for real non-military employment, better housing for active military, and so forth.

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jan Sternbach
4603 Maher Ave.
Madison WI 53716
sternbachj@gmail.com

From: Morgan Young <morganeyoung@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s at Truax

General Information

Name: Morgan Young
Address: 1717 Fremont Ave.
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: morganeyoung@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Council vote to OPPOSE bringing the F35s to Truax Field. If it comes to it, please support Resolution V4, explicitly voicing opposition.

While I don't live in an area identified as having the most direct impact from this proposal, I have great concerns about the interests at play and the extreme ramifications for the communities that would be most affected. It is not insignificant that these communities are disproportionately populated by people of color and those identified as low-income. We would not be having the same conversations if other areas in the city were in the zones identified in the EIS.

The findings of the EIS, which are admittedly understated, are the tip of the iceberg for the snowball of issues that bringing the F35s to the base would likely cause. The benefits are not great enough - the base will not close and jobs will not be lost if the F35s are not here. The minimal increase in jobs that comes with this proposal does not outweigh the extreme environmental impact of the project or decreased quality of life for too many residents.

This is not a good fit for Madison and it's citizens. I strongly encourage you to oppose F35s at Truax.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Lori Checki <lchecki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:57 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for 115th Fighter Wing

Alders:

I'm writing to express my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I respectfully request that you oppose the resolution put forward that opposes the F-35 mission.

The Air National Guard is too important to our country, our local economy, and to our service members.

Sincerely,
Lori Checki

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mary Ebeling <mrebeling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:00 PM
To: All Alders

Good afternoon,

Although I had already sent a note urging the council to support the resolution against the F35 squadron, it has come to my attention that there are several versions of the resolution.

With that knowledge I urge as strongly as I can for support for the Foster/Kemble V4 opposing the F35 squadron at Truax. Don't be fooled by version 3. Although it looks similar, it does not oppose the F-35s, which is a must. It also pushes a myth that the EIS presents a worst case scenario. That is a lie. The EIS describes its analysis as likely outcomes based on an objective analysis. We must not allow this scenario to play out in a city we all love.

Thank you.

Mary

From: James Barger <34ihcpirsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

The purpose of my email is to show my support for the F-35 project at Truax Field. In as much as I know the resolution is to demonstrate support for your citizenry in that area, I believe the bigger picture here is more important. Truax field and its military component has been there longer than most of us have been around and will most likely be there long past us. When people move into the area around the airport they know the potential for noise and all of the other residual support mechanisms for that area and should realize there will be noise. I recognize that the switch to the F-35 will bring a bit more noise to the area but that noise is for very short derations and is not a constant on-going noise. In my opinion it would be wiser to not allow residential in the area of concern.

I'm not a resident of Madison as I live currently in Stoughton. I am in that area on a somewhat regular basis due to my employer and enjoy hearing/seeing all of the aircraft coming and going, especially the military aircraft. As someone once said; "the sound of freedom" which is a small price to pay for our freedom and Wisconsin's role in helping to maintain that.

I see this as one of those "not in my back yard" issues where the matter is supported but not in their immediate area. Let it be built or performed elsewhere though seems acceptable.

James F. Barger
1808 Cedarbrook Lane
Stoughton, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Christopher Babiarz <christopherbabiarz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: FYI: I oppose F-35s in Madison

I also support the resolution in opposition of F-35s in Madison that is on the docket for tonight's council meeting.

Thanks,

Christopher Babiarz, PhD
153 Division Street #2
Madison WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: doroathy1630 <doroathy1630@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote No for f35's! The sound barrier is bad now with the F16's! Please say no

Thank you. Dorothy Brennecke

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: Fabiola Hamdan <fabiohamdan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Dear Alder Lemmers,

I would like to let you know that I support future viability of Truax Field and the potential arrival of F35s. I have lived in my house for over 20 years and have always heard the jet noise. It is part of living in our area and we have raised two children without any issues.

I thank you for your service and all you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Fabiola Hamdan

13 Swanton Rd.

Madison, WI 53714

From: Timothy Kenney <kenney1880@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Truax F35's

All,

Tim Kenney here. I work at the 128th Air Refueling Wing full time as an aircraft mechanic here in Milwaukee. I also reside in Milwaukee and I'm a strong veteran advocate locally.

If we lost the F35 at the 115th, who is our main aerial refueling customer, it could directly impact our mission here in Milwaukee. Which is something i'm proud to be a part of. I work, play and pray here in Milwaukee and I hope you think about what is really at stake here.

Thank you for your service and time,

Tim Kenney
414-303-0992
Milwaukee, WI.

From: Cherie Miller <cherpm@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:11 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution 57364

General Information

Name: Cherie Miller
Address: 112 OHIO AVE
City: MADISON
State: WI
ZIP: 53704-5417
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: cherpm@msn.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I oppose the proposal to bring F35s to Dane Cty airport. There are many reasons why this would be problematic for residents of the NE side of Madison. I want to address the impact to Cherokee Marsh. As well as impacting schools and homes, the quality of our air and water, the noise levels of these jets would affect wildlife. Cherokee Marsh is one of only a few natural areas accessible from Madison without the use of a car. The health benefits of quiet and outdoor activities should not be limited to wealthier citizens.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: mllandin@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

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I am proud to be a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport. I have been a member of the community for over 27 years.

The 115 Fighter Wing is a good neighbor, and whatever you may read or hear in lies and half-truths from opponents of the Truax, and future basing of the F-35 in Madison, the 115 Fighter Wing does care about the community. The unit and its men and women have been part of the Madison community since 1948.

The Air National Guard base at Truax is essentially a complete micro-community, of approximately 1,200 employees, in many career fields besides fighter pilots. The unit also employs doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, lawyers, civil engineers, 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--some right here in Madison at the University of Wisconsin.

In the event of a national emergency, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are called upon to protect us and to provide needed emergency services. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to the historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has protected all of us, and has responded to potential threats, can be sighted.

The fire department at Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) is fully funded by the USAF and the Department of Defense (DoD). The fire department at DCRA is a requirement for commercial airline flights. If we lose the F-35, the aging F-16C currently based at Truax, will eventually be phased out. When the F-16 is gone, DCRA will also lose its DoD-funded fire department, which will have to be replaced and staffed by Dane County, increasing our tax burden. The F-35 ensures that the 115 Fighter Wing, a major Madison employer, paying excellent wages, benefits and educational opportunities, will be around for many years to come, long after all of you Alders and I, are gone. As often happens at 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 home to a number of companies that used to be based in Madison. Please do not lose another major Madison employer, especially one that pays excellent wages and benefits.

Regarding noise, the FAA 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 actually generate more noise, for a longer period of time, than the F-16 ever has. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are needed to accomplish the mission, than the F-16.

Please do not oppose something just for the sake of opposing something. Before you make your decision on whether or not to support the 115 Fighter Wing, and future basing of the F-35, as a citizen of Madison, I urge you to get all of the facts. Please contact the 115 Fighter Wing and the Badger Air Community Council and learn more about the issue, before you vote.

Please be open minded, and carefully consider both sides of this issue. This issue involves much more than just the basing of the F-35. Consider the economics and the jobs--1200 jobs and an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. Consider the security and community support the 115 Fighter Wing provides.

Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,
Michael Landin

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Todd Cottrill <f16_fixr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:27 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution to Oppose the F-35 Basing in Madison at Truax Field

To whom it may concern:

I am very disappointed to learn that some of our Madison City Council members are considering passing a resolution to oppose the F-35 fighter aircraft from being based in Madison.

I am a retired Master Sergeant (E-7) who worked on the Madison-based F-16s for 15 years and although I'm sure there are many factors driving this proposal, in my mind, the ONLY thing I can see that would be any different from the long stretch of service the F-16s have given us is the **noise** issue. I haven't done a lot of research on this but it seems like (from what I have read) the difference in noise is minimal and in my opinion, when residents become used to the slight increase in noise, it's going to be the new "norm" and after a couple of weeks or months, I'm sure it would then be "business as usual" and people won't notice it so much. It's not like we're flying them 24/7. To the best of my recollection from working on the flightline at Truax for all of my 15 years in the Air Guard, the ONLY time there are later take off times (later in the evening) are when the pilots require night mission training, which is NOT very often, considering. Or, when the unit is launching jets for a deployment overseas, which is also NOT very often.

To see many of my friends and former colleagues possibly have to sell their homes and move their families to another state to continue their service seems absolutely absurd, not to mention the millions of dollars in state revenue and taxes that come out of those salaries. I believe it will have a very detrimental effect on the City of Madison, the numerous surrounding communities, and the entire state as a whole.

For those of you who are opposed to the F-35 being based at Truax Field, I would ask you respectfully to reconsider this proposal. For those of you who are NOT opposed to the F-35 being located here, thank you for your consideration and backing.

Madison has a rich history of military aviation spanning over 70 years and I am certain that the vast majority of its citizens would be sad to see the 115th Fighter Wing move to another state or be disbanded altogether.

Thank you very much for your time,

Todd R. Cottrill, MSgt. (Ret.), USAF
947 Cottonwood Dr.
Stoughton, WI 53589-4112
Ph. 608-212-9217

From: Gwen Ebert <gwenebe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F35's

General Information

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Work Phone: 608-960-2177
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I do not want the Badger Air Community Council to have a louder voice than the members of our community who live on the ground, under these flight pathways. I have paid taxes to live in a place where I value the quality of life. I oppose the F35s because their presence over my head and that of my neighbors violates/ pollutes our living space and that of our less affluent residents. Please do the right thing and OPPOSE the F35's.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Gwen Ebert <gwenebe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F35's

General Information

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City: Madison
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

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Recipient:
All Alders

From: Danielle Lawrence <snowbetty3@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing F35

Dear Alders,

As a Dane county community member and resident of Cottage Grove, I would like to express my support regarding the F-35 at the 115th Fighter Wing (FW). The 115th FW along with the entire Wisconsin National Guard supports so many programs within the state. I fear without the F-35, our state will be negatively impacted due to the eventual loss of these support programs.

For example, the 115th FW provides domestic operations in direct support of the entire Midwest. They are the primary and only protection of our airspace from Canada down through Chicago. They also support our state, neighboring states, and other states when disasters strike. They have played a direct role in supporting Madison residents when power was lost for several days this year. They provide support to Wisconsin to prevent and provide relief when our state has had flooding disasters. And I am proud of them when I hear they are providing support to states like Florida when there is risk of hurricanes, tornados, etc. They work directly with Wisconsin Emergency Management state employees to plan, train, and implement support for many types of disaster and domestic operations.

The 115th FW plays a significant role in providing Fire Fighter services to the Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA). If we lose their support, how much will my taxes be increased to fund the eventual replacement of these services? Additionally, the Wisconsin National Guard supports the maintenance and improvement of the Dane County Regional Airports runways.

The members of the 115th FW are members of this community. They own business and are employed as civilians in this community. Their children attend the Madison area schools. They purchase all their daily needs from the stores in our community. What losses are we prepared to see if the 115th FW is no longer sustainable because their jets are out dated? Even if the FW remains in place without the F-35, how much will it scale back in personnel and programs in support of our community? How does that effect our states ability to provide domestic support when disaster strike again (i.e. tornados, snow storms, potential commercial aircraft disaster at the DCRA)?

I support the F-35 coming to Madison.

Most sincerely,
Danielle Lawrence
Resident of Cottage Grove

Danielle Lawrence, MS, LAT
snowbetty3@att.net
608-334-9016

From: Jeff Brunkow <jeff.brunkow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:34 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: I support the F-35 at Truax Field

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

I support the F-35 being in Madison. I am against the resolution opposing the F-35 basing in Madison.
We need this for our economy and for our Air National Guard.

Jeff Brunkow

From: Greg Abbott <greg@gabbott.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35 basing

I understand that you will soon consider a resolution that opposes the F-35 basing in Madison.

I urge you to NOT support this resolution. Madison and Dane County have a rich history with the 115th Fighter Wing and the proposed resolution could result in the relocation of the 115th and along with it numerous jobs, not to mention the tax dollars generated by the air crews and support staffs that live in our community. The basing of the F-35 will increase the number of staff members in our community.

The F-35 mission is critical to the safety and security of our nation and the Military has determined that Madison is ideally positioned to help in this mission. The positives of basing the F-35 here certainly outweigh any negative (and short duration) impact on our community.

Again, please DO NOT support the resolution to oppose the F-35 being based in Madison.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jeremiah Cahill <jcahill123@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 placement

I urge you to support resolution 57364 opposing siting F35 combat aircraft at Truax filed, for the reasons stated in that resolution. There are better options for the Truax Air National Guard, and these need to be explored fully.

Thank you--

Jeremiah Cahill
6314 Offshore Drive, Madison, 53705

From: Marcia <cocoon@mwt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35's

Greetings,

I support the progressive alders standing for communities and the safety of Madison citizens. Already the existing planes and military activities destroyed the safety of Madison's water supplies. Do not permit an even greater threat to the livability of our state capital.

While I do not live in Madison I went to the University of Madison and still feel connected to it. Please protect it.

Sincerely,

Marcia Halligan

S4001 River Road

Viroqua, WI. 54665



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From: Mary Vernon <marykvernon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Mary Vernon
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State: WI
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Work Phone:
Email: marykvernon@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please oppose the location of the F-35s at Truax Field.
Here are my reasons for making that request:

I personally find the noise level from the F-16s excruciating, and can't imagine continuing to live in Madison if the F-35s are brought here. And I don't live in the flight path except during football games. It's long been known that high noise levels are associated with hearing loss. As increasing noise levels continue to be imposed and normalized all over our country, the loudspeakers on ordinary flights are being set to very high levels because many people are no longer able to hear the pilot's announcements at the settings that worked well as recently as a couple of years ago. Given this health hazard and the skyrocketing health care costs in our country, I don't believe it's prudent or patriotic to put F-35 training centers close to any major population center, including Madison. There are many small population centers that are wonderful places for the airmen and their families to live. In addition to the noise factor, the the toxic emissions that contaminate our air, water and soil, also argue for locating the training flights at a greater distance from any population center or fertile farmland than Truax is from Madison and surrounding farms. Perhaps more importantly, recent studies have shown that Madison is currently one of the top cities nationwide for attracting millennials, showing that the people in Dane County have succeeded in building a very attractive economic base for young people as well as for Wisconsin and the U.S. As in previous generations, high achieving millennials put a priority on the wellbeing and happiness of themselves and their children, which is why Madison ranks highly with them today. Locating the F-35s here will surely undercut, if not reverse that economic expansion. The millennials and those who employ them will find other locations in other states to thrive in, but relocation will slow down the economic expansion because the more effective base for expansion here was not built overnight. In this context, the political leaders who claim it's beneficial to place the F-16s and F-35s at Truax have sold out to short-term corporate profits and to the ongoing transfer of financial wealth from the many to the few. Many talented and dedicated men and women in Dane County have worked hard over many decades to build a growing economic base that is needed and used to fund the F-16s and F-35s, not to mention the rest of our federal and state government budgets. It has been highly patriotic to build the base that pays for those State and national needs. Now we are being asked to "patriotically" undermine this thriving base. In my mind, for the above reasons, that advice is unwise, economically unsound and not the least bit patriotic or sensible.

Sincerely,
Mary Vernon
Madison resident

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Melody Niwot <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Melody Niwot
Address: 1138 Spaight St.
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53703
Phone: 608-843-1250
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am writing to express my concern over the F-35 plans for Truax. I live on the East Side of Madison. With the current F-16s we regularly have to stop conversations in our home until the jets fly over. Nothing can be done or said or heard until they have passed. I am alarmed at what I have learned about the potential environmental impacts of the new jets, the increased noise, and its impact on communities, health, and property values. I see the costs as outweighing the benefits in this case and urge the council to support the resolution to stop the F-35 jet program.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Tom Osburn <netmantwo1951@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:59 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s in Madison

My wife and I have lived on the east side of Madison all of our lives. We live with highway noise, Train noise and Jet noise, thunder and lightning. The sounds of a lively, active community are all around us. WE SUPPORT THE NEW F35s and everything that comes with them. If they need a home, let it be in Madison, Wi.

From: Ellen Kirt <lnkirt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alderpersons:

Please vote tonight to oppose the Air Force's plan to base a squadron of F-35s at Truax Field on Madison's Northside.

I live and work very close to Dane County Regional Airport and can attest to the fact that even the F-16s which are currently flying in and out of Truax cause severe issues to both my physical and mental well-being, as well as to the foundation and plastered walls of my 66 year old home.

The noise levels are already so high that I have to cover my ears if I happen to be outside when one of the current fighter jets flies over, and I can actually feel the vibrations in my body from the noise. This would be comparable to standing next to the speakers at a rock concert, not just being in the audience. And that is a personal choice, not one made by someone other than myself.

This cannot bode well for my health as an adult, let alone for children who live and go to school in this area or the very elderly who have limited ability to protect themselves.

If the F-35s are going to emit up to 110 decibels while flying overhead, we must not allow them to fly in or near Madison. Period. Not only will we lose businesses and the equity we have built in our homes over decades of living here, but we will end up with lawsuits against the US Air Force for loss of our hearing, our health and the quality of life we on Madison's Northside have strived all our lives to achieve.

I beg of you to oppose bringing the F-35s to Truax.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kirt
1521 Almo Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Patrick Kapla <pkapla@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:13 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: I OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION BANNING F-35 BASING IN MADISON

I OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION BANNING F-35 BASING IN MADISON

Patrick Kapla

University of Wisconsin MS 2020
James A. Graaskamp Center for Real Estate
pkapla@wisc.edu

From: Jerry Thorsen <thorsenjerry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F- 35s Please read

Before deciding to petition against the F-35s at Truax, please check to know exactly how much time there will be noise. I believe it is only about 40 minutes each day counting take off and landing, and that is only on the days they fly, which is not every day of the week. That is important information that can be confirmed by checking with the Air Guard. Citizens are not being asked to tolerate noise constantly, instead for a rather short period of time, and not every day. Those dedicated soldiers, that sacrifice so much deserve our support!

Sincerely,

Jerry Thorsen

From: Mark Hetzler <markhetzler@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: No F-35's at Truax, please

Greetings,

I am writing to express my support of Alder Grant Foster's resolution "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown." I support Alder Foster's resolution and I am opposed to any effort to bring F-35's to Truax Field in Madison, WI for numerous reasons. I am a resident of Sun Prairie, WI and live within 9 minutes of the airport, and do not wish to have these machines negatively impact our quality of life. I also do not wish to have these machines negatively impact the quality of life for all residents on the East side of Madison. Please consider your constituents and the citizens of this area - we are hoping to continue to live in a wonderful community, and prefer to avoid any acts that would destroy this quality of life, especially any decisions prompted by economic motives that would not actually benefit a majority of citizens in this area. Thank you for your service and for listening to your public.

Cheers,
Mark Hetzler

Veldran, Lisa

From: Elaine Pridgen <mooneagle@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

General Information

Name: Elaine Pridgen
Address: 1915 Kropf Ave
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State: Wi
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: mooneagle@charter.net
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please vote for the resolution sponsored by the alders representing the neighborhoods near the airport, Alders Abbas, Evers, Foster, Heck, Rummel, and Kemble.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cathie McClain <mcclainca@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing

Our family supports the 115th Fighter Wing where my husband served for over 30 years. We support the F-35 mission and hope you will also.

Sincerely,
Catherine McClain

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jason McDowell <cessnateur@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

As a resident of a neighborhood directly underneath the approach path of runway 18/36 at MSN and subject to the noise of these jets, I wholeheartedly support their arrival at the 115th Fighter Wing.

Despite living in one of the areas most affected by aircraft noise of any sort, I recognize the airport and military base have been here since WWII.

Because I'm not shortsighted, I purchased my home knowing and understanding that noise from aircraft, highways, emergency vehicles, and even passers-by on foot are an obvious and acceptable byproduct of a growing population and economy,

Expecting a city, airport, and military base to accommodate shortsighted, unrealistic expectations is costly in both the financial sense as well as the precedent it sets.

Accordingly, I support the 115th Fighter Wing and wholeheartedly oppose any and all resolutions that oppose the F-35s.

I'll be watching closely how the alders vote on any such resolution, and will remember their actions when it becomes my turn to vote for an alder.

Please support the F-35s and the 115th Fighter Wing.

Jason McDowell

From: linda faris <bounceonce50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s. I urge all alders to vote against the F-35's and/or for the v4 resolution. All alders who are considering the v3 resolution, please take into consideration the stance of alders and constituents who are opposed to the F-35's. A whole chunk of Mad...

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rob Carlon <rcarlon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:35 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution opposing the F-35 basing

It has come to my attention that a resolution will be voted on this Tuesday at the Council Meeting opposing the F-35s being based in Madison. I am fully in support of the F-35s being based out of Madison and ask that you vote against any resolution that would oppose them being based here. I think that our air national guard is an asset to Madison and deserves the full the support of the city.

Thank you,
-Rob Carlon

From: Dave Dill <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

General Information

Name: Dave Dill
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City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53719
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I stand opposed to the F-35 at Truax base.

Good reasons to oppose this plane, here, are:

1. PFAS contamination has shut 2 wells and there's no timeline for cleanup from the AF. We'll get stuck with this if we allow the planes without preconditions.
2. Dishabitation of hundreds of dwellings in poorer area where many POC reside. Most don't qualify for noise remediation and never will. We'll get stuck with this tab too.
3. No proof before decision of actual real world noise levels. The F-16 is too loud and never got quieter in spite of promises.
4. Base is too close to a heavily populated area and should be relocated. Never will be with new jets.
5. There is no guarantee that the nuke-ready F-35 won't occasionally take off and land here with tactical nukes on board. F-35s from other sites will cycle in and out as needed for training. And the AF will not inform us.
6. We don't need this military boondoggle here. Madison is a vibrant area and economy. We need no protection from air attack.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Craig Eley <craigeley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:38 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: In Support of the Resolution to Oppose the F-35s

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alders,

I'm writing to implore you to oppose the F-35s at Truax. The noise impacts of these jets is not only significant—we don't fully know how significant it will be. The information included in the EIS was based entirely on modeling (no measurements were taken in Madison) and it used a terrible metric known as DNL, which averages sound levels over an entire day. That tells us almost nothing about how these takeoffs and landings will impact our community.

I wrote up a brief article that explains how the EIS maps work, and I hope if you have time and interest you can read it before tonight's vote.

<https://fieldnoise.substack.com/p/here-come-the-loud-jets>

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Eley
2218 Lakeland Ave.
Madison WI 53704

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: F-35's in Madison

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Evers, Tag" <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: **Re: F-35's in Madison**
Date: September 17, 2019 at 2:36:12 PM CDT
To: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>

Thanks, Gretchen. Please consider sending your thoughts to AllAlders@cityofmadison.com.

Tag Evers
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From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Subject: F-35's in Madison

Dear Alder Evers

Thank you and the other alders sponsoring the F-35 resolution.

I have spent enough time on the East side of Madison to be aware of it's soundscape which in places includes noise from industrial areas. I found it to be generally livable. But then I heard the F-16's flying over at what I had assumed was a reasonable distance from Truax (near Atwood Ave). It was daytime, there were multiple flyovers, and I found the sound intolerable. At that time I thought I could never live on the East side even though I otherwise enjoy being there. So now come F-35's, threatening to be much louder and, from what we know about sound, damaging to the health of many Madison residents.

I trust you to support the best version of this resolution.

Gretchen Twietmeyer
2260 West Lawn
Madison, WI 53711

From: Sally Lehner <sa_lehner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support common council resolution opposing F-35 fighter jets

Dear Alders,

As a Madison resident, I am writing to urge you to support the Common Council resolution opposing F-35 fighter jets being stationed here.

The Environmental Impact Report found that people of color, kids and low-income families will be most impacted by an enormous increase in noise pollution, making a portion of our city uninhabitable by any reasonable standard, if the proposal goes forward. Please do not further marginalize the most vulnerable groups in our community, creating even greater inequities, by supporting the F-35 proposal.

When the current fighter jets have flown low in our neighborhood, the noise is very uncomfortable--especially for children. I can't imagine what it would be like to live next to the airfield with the proposed increase in fighter jet flights and noise if the F-35's are stationed here.

Please support the common council resolution opposing the F-35 jets being stationed in Madison.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

Veldran, Lisa

From: sandra montello <sandramontello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:43 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor; board@madison.k12.wi.us; county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com
Subject: F-35s

Please vote against.

Thank you

Sandra Montello

1913 Manley St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Dianne Jenkins <jenkins2125@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:46 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support the substitute resolution re F35s

I am writing to ask that you support the substitute resolution (v4) that was circulated today. At minimum, the city's inability to enforce any noise standards places an unfair burden on affected neighborhoods, with an economic cost to those property owners that is not offset by any theoretical economic gains.

Madison's values of inclusion and fairness, much less its aspiration to do no harm and its commitment to the vitality of ALL of its neighborhoods, should guide you to support this substitute resolution.

I live on the near west side and will not be directly impacted by this decision. However, I know how loud the current jets are, based on the few times they fly over the west side (Badger games, basically). Has there been a test flyover of the F35s? This would be a good start to a fact-based discussion, at minimum.

thank you,
Dianne Jenkins
1802 Monroe St, Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joan Sergenian <joans@fairwaymc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:49 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: 'badgerair@gmail.com'
Subject: F35- Basing

To whom this may concern,

I totally support bringing the F-35s to Madison and Truax field. I have lived in the flight path of the Dane County airport and Truax Field since 1984 and prior to that lived on the North side of Madison since 1960.

The honor and chills I feel when the fighter jets fly over my house makes me proud to be an American. I only see positives for the community here.

They have my complete support! I VOTE YES~

Thank you.

Joan Sergenian,
Resident of Windsor, Wisconsin



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From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Rep. Sargent Letter to Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew P. Donovan
Attachments: Letter to Secretary of the Air Force_9.17.2019.docx; ATT00001.htm

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rep.Sargent <Rep.Sargent@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 2:51:37 PM CDT
To: "district5@cityofmadison.com" <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Rep. Sargent Letter to Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew P. Donovan

Good Afternoon Shiva,

Attached is Representative Sargent's letter she sent to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Matthew P. Donovan.

Best,

Harrison Rayment
Legislative Aide
Office of Representative Melissa Sargent
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MELISSA SARGENT

WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

48th DISTRICT

September 17, 2019

The Honorable Matthew P. Donovan
Acting Secretary
United States Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to you today to relay concerns expressed to me by my constituents about the proposed F-35A operational beddown at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin. According to the most recent Environmental Impact Statement, roughly 1,000 homes in my district will experience aircraft noise levels above 65 decibels, leaving a large proportion of these homes as "incompatible for residential land use." Additionally, the EIS states that the proposed beddown will have a disproportionate impact on low-income minority communities on the North Side of Madison.

As a dedicated representative of one of Madison's most vibrant communities, it is my job to ensure that the voices of my constituents are being heard. Many of my constituents are concerned that they will lose their homes as a result of the proposed expansion, or be forced to relocate as a result of unbearable noise levels. Please provide answers to the following questions regarding the negative effects on housing and equity in the 48th Assembly District:

- How does the U.S Air Force define "incompatible for residential land use?"
- One of the closest communities to Truax field is a neighborhood of mobile homes located on the West side of the base. Since the FAA does not consider these homes as permanent structures, they do not qualify for FAA sound mitigation programs. What options will these individuals have for mitigating this increase in noise, and what role will the USAF play in addressing this injustice?
- Please provide examples of how the USAF has worked with other communities to mitigate the extensive noise associated with the F-35As.

In Wisconsin, our precious natural resources are a cornerstone of our collective identity. With that in mind, our community has already seen extensive environmental loss as a result of human expansion, including the shut-down of Well-15 as a result of extensive PFAs contamination. As we move forward with this possible placement of the F-35A at the 115th Fighter Wing, we ask you to truly consider all of the negative impacts outline in the EIS draft, while providing our community with extensive mitigation tactics and strategies. Please answer the following questions with respect to concerns about the possible instances of environmental degradation, as a result of this operation:

- To what extent would the proposed expansion of the F-35As at Truax increase the likelihood of further degradation of Madison's already crippled natural resources?
- What specific strategies does the Air National Guard plan on utilizing when it comes noise abatement? Could the institution of flight simulators and changing flight patterns significantly decrease instances of incompatible noise and negative environmental impacts, and to what extent?

As potential impacts of this proposed operation have become an incredibly important to many residents of the City of Madison, I have heard varying opinions regarding the future of Truax Base if the F-35A operational



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beddown was not granted to the 115th Fighter Wing. To many, the 115th FW has been a valuable neighbor of the 48th Assembly District for over 70 years. Many of my constituents are concerned that without the F-35A expansion, the base will no longer be able to sustain its nearly 1,300 on-site jobs. Please answer the following questions about the future of Truax base, and the proposed F-35A mission:

- If Truax field were to not be chosen for the F-35A operational beddown, would the Air National Guard continue operations at the field? Will the 115th FW maintain their current status of employment?
- In what capacity will operations continue at Truax Base if the 115th FW were to be denied the F-35A proposal? Please provide examples of possible operations if the 115th FW was denied this specific proposal.
- Many of my constituents have expressed concerns involving the F-35As nuclear capabilities, and see this expansion as detrimental to the safety of our community. Are the proposed F-35As equip to handle nuclear warheads in any shape or form? Would the new facilities at Truax field be designed to maintain a nuclear arsenal?
- If Truax field were to be chosen for this operation, when can the city of Madison expect this expansion to be fully operational?

At this time, for many people in my district there are more questions than answers to the proposed beddown, specifically concerning housing inequality, environmental hazards, and the future of the 115th FW in Madison. As this project continues to develop, I ask that you truly consider the well-being of these hard-working Americans, while providing meaningful and comprehensive mitigation tactics that will protect our city's natural resources and quality of life. Thank you for taking the time to examine this matter further, and I look forward to hearing your response to these inquiries.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sargent

Melissa Sargent
State Representative
48th Assembly District

Veldran, Lisa

From: Lesleigh Luttrell <lesleigh.luttrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution Responding to Draft IES for F-35A Beddown

General Information

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State: Wi
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: lesleigh.luttrell@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I urge you to vote in support of resolution 57364 "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown". As the EIS reports more than 1000 households near the airport would be subject to increased noise the 65DB is averaged over 24 hours and does not really get out the true impact of multiple louder events throughout the day and a significant number of households are in an area "where housing is incompatible". While this may seem like a low number of households, and perhaps of little concern to districts that are not near the airport, the true costs of this beddown would be borne by the entire city. You are, I'm sure, well aware of the critical need for more affordable housing in Madison, and many of the housing units near the airport that will be affected are affordable. The EIS will likely make developers think that adding more housing units in this area is not the best idea. If you lose the possibility of housing development near the airport, where will this development go? This applies to job-creating small businesses as well as housing.

Other issues of concern, relating to the effects of noise on children who live, attend day care or school, or otherwise spend time near the airport and the environmental justice issues that are specifically mentioned in EIS, are well reported in the resolution. The benefit to the city of adding less than 100 new jobs cannot possibly outweigh the concerns mentioned in the resolution.

Even though the city has no authority over the beddown decision, it is very important to get these serious and valid concerns of residents affirmed by passing the resolution sponsored by Alders Abbas, Evers, Foster, Heck, Kemble, and Rummel. I thank them for their work on this issue and everyone on the Council for your serious consideration of this major issue.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Arik Armstrong <arik.armstrong@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I Support F-35s In Madison

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my support for the basing of F-35 aircraft at Truax Field, Dane County Regional Airport. Although I am a member of the 115th Fighter Wing, I chose to speak as a proud citizen of the State of Wisconsin.

The F-35 program is important to Wisconsin for a myriad of reasons, one being continued support for the citizens. The 115th Fighter Wing provides more than security, both domestically and abroad, it provides support for natural disasters. The unit has assisted storm clean-up in Northern Wisconsin and managing the flooding when Lake Delton broke, just to name a few examples. Our unit also provides humanitarian assistance to the less-fortunate, by deploying our Medical personnel to disaster areas. We have a response team to assist the police force in the event explosive ordinances are identified as well.

The base, along with its assigned Airmen, contribute to the local economy as well. Employees of the unit, many of whom are Wisconsin residents, make a positive impact on local business and the home market. The basing of F-35s in Madison will sustain, if not improve, these markets for years to come.

For years, the unit has provided services to the State and Country, putting the citizens first. Recognizing that the basing of the F-35s is more than just relocating aircraft to Madison, please consider the Wisconsinites that work at the unit and love this community. If the F-35s are based at Truax Field, this community will see benefits for years to come.

Respectfully,

Mr. Arik Armstrong

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joanna Donovan <joannakimberly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

General Information

Name: Joanna Donovan
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City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53703
Phone: 608-520-3735
Work Phone:
Email: joannakimberly@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am a near eastside Madison resident. I am writing to urge you to oppose Resolution #57364 V3. I hope that you support Resolution V4, sponsored by Grant Foster/Rebecca Kemble which explicitly states that the Council does not support the section of Truax Field. The use of Truax for F-35 is an abuse of shared urban space which will have a disproportionate impact low income individuals and residents of color.

Thank you,
Joanna Donovan
1338 East Wilson
Madison, WI
53703

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kassie Kraemer <kassiekraemer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:14 PM
To: All Alders

I support the military 100%, the jets deserve to be here, they've been here for years. The noise is nothing new to the community.

Thanks for reading my opinion,
Kassie Kraemer
Windsor, WI resident (the jets fly over my house)

From: Shelly Kelsey <skelsey@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing

Please oppose this resolution of the F-35 basing here at the 115th fighter wing. We have many patients, families and friends that this all can affect.

Thank You,
Shelly Kelsey

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From: Amy Rohn <amyrohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the 115th

Dear Alders,

I'm writing in strong opposition to the resolution before you this evening that opposes bringing the F-35s to Truax.

I support the base and airmen and women and all that they do for the community. I believe that community opposition to the new jets will likely be the beginning of the end for the base and that would be damaging for the community, the local economy and the airport itself.

Please join me in opposing the resolution that opposes the F-35s.

I stand with the Air National Guard and hope that they remain part of this community for a long time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Rohn

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nino Amato <namato@cwag.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:19 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: amsenegambia@gmail.com; satyaformadison@gmail.com; Skidmore, Paul; Barbara McKinney NAACP; Mayor; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Rummel, Marsha; Verveer, Michael; brenda417@gmail.com; Progressive Dane; Mary Bottari
Subject: Opposed to F-35 in Madison
Attachments: image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt; image2.jpeg; ATT00002.txt

As a former City Alderperson and as a life long resident and property taxpayer of Madison, I am opposed to the U.S. DOD placement of F-35's in Madison.

I therefore, encouraging each member of the Madison City Council to support the resolution, in opposition of locating F-35 fighter jets in Madison — at tonight's City Council Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and hope you'll vote in opposition to locating F-35 Fighter Jets at the Truax Field Air-Base in Madison.

Respectfully yours,

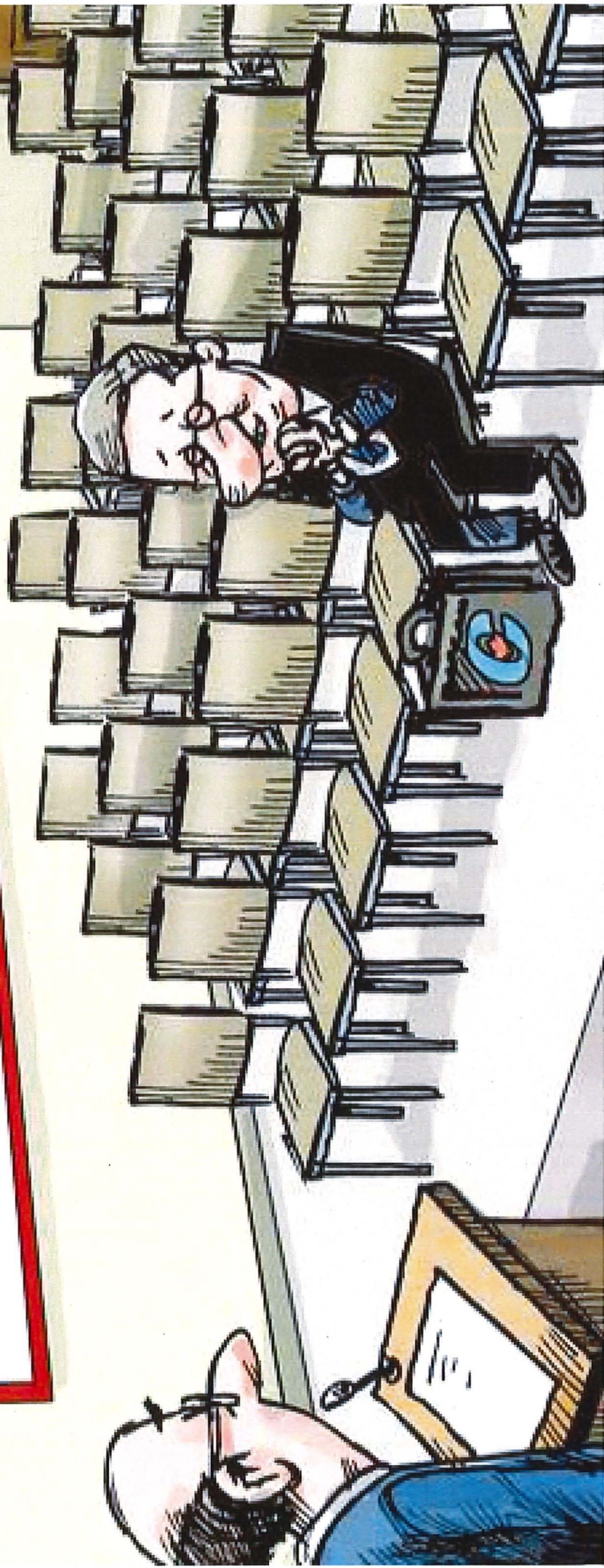
Anthony (Nino) Amato
64 Oak Creek Trail
Madison, WI. 53717

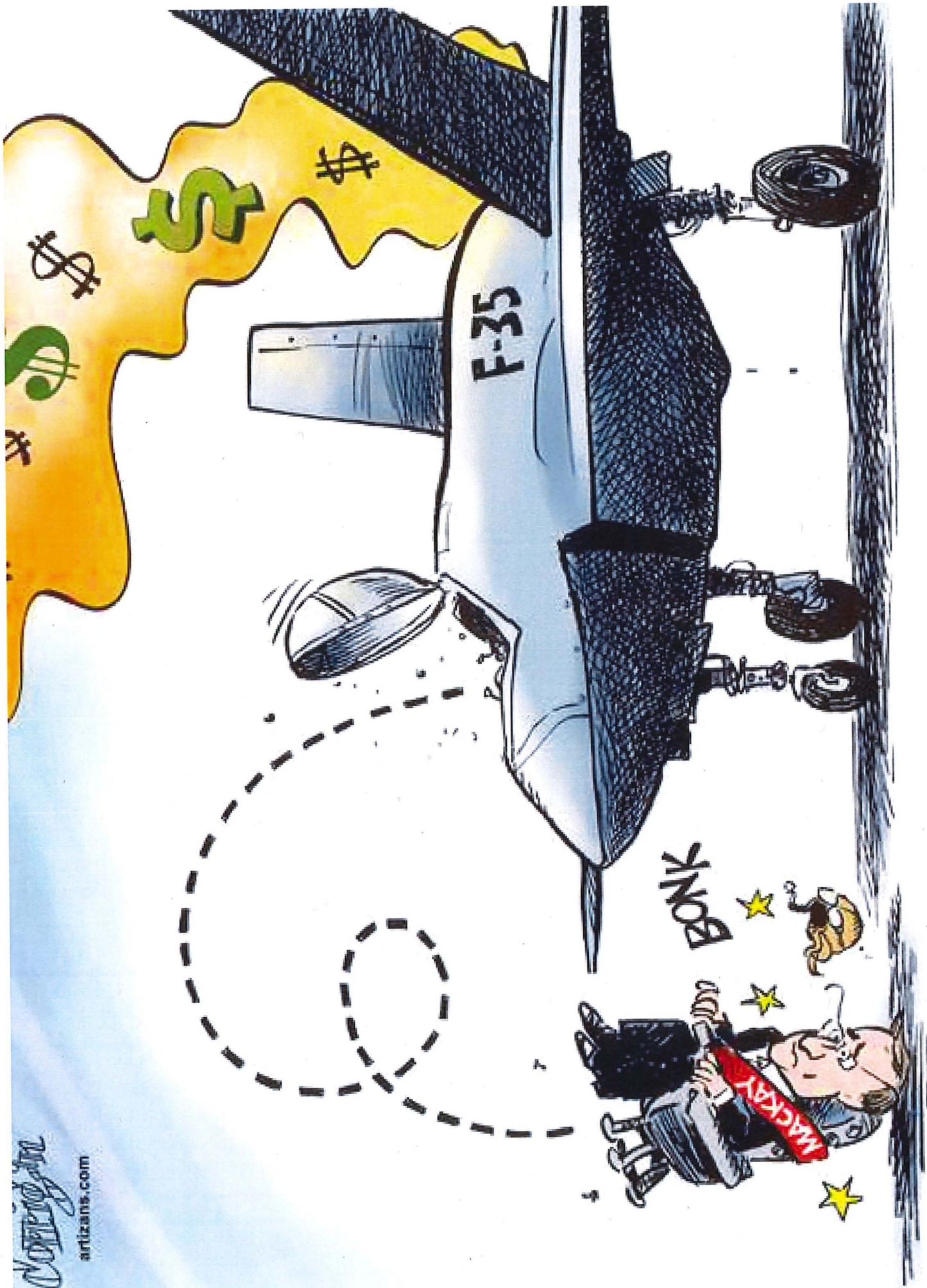
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Veldran, Lisa

From: jayne keller <jayne_wardkeller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 BASING HERE

Please vote to oppose the F-35 basing here in Madison.. It's not what our beautiful city needs to contend with.

Thank you,

Jayne Ruchti

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tom and Annette Esser <taesser@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Fighter Jets

My husband and I live on the east side in District 15. We are on the flight path for the jets.

We want to voice our support for the F35 jets coming to Madison. We are in opposition of the resolution that is against the F35 jets. I know my alderman, Grant Foster, is a sponsor of that resolution. I do NOT agree with his resolution.

Tom and Annette Esser
4610 Hamlet Pl.
Madison

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

From: Kathryn Cue <alestakate88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:25 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown"

To whom it may concern:

Please vote in support of Madison residents and the Resolution proposed by Alders Foster and Kemble and co-sponsored by Alders Abbas, Rummel, Heck, and Evers.

This resolution speaks on the behalf of thousands of Madison residents regarding this issue, many of whom have not been properly informed about the proposal, let alone given a real opportunity to respond in a way they deserve. The people affected by the proposal are disproportionately low-income and otherwise disadvantaged residents. Many of the people living in and near the area just simply have not been sufficiently informed about the risks and drawbacks that would come with this project. Even if they were, the process provided by the US Air Force has excluded many of them from officially representing their own interests in the EIS report. YOU now have the responsibility to help represent their voices in this matter.

I have personally NEVER reached out in a way like this, regarding any kind of issue here. And to be honest, I have had to go significantly out of my way to inform myself about what is happening in our area. Many of my neighbors and friends that I have talked to about it have had NO CLUE about what is going on with this issue, and I can't help but feeling like their interests and voices are being suppressed. Attending the meetings was extremely discouraging and demoralizing to witness so many privileged people dare to suppress the concerns of the people who actually live in these areas. And to witness first hand the extremely disproportionate number of supporters vs. the (practically nonexistent) number of people who would be impacted. People who work late, people who rely on public transit (of which two or three of the proposed BRT stops would be in the zone), people who have children or other family to care for, people who aren't native English speakers, people who have disabilities that prevent them from participating in this fully, people who have unreliable access to internet, or who weren't informed about any of this in the first place. None of those people were there able to represent themselves. So I am contacting you now on their behalf, because I have a responsibility to help speak for the people who can't, as do you.

I was unsure about this issue when I first learned about it. But after reading the official report, and after attending the meeting at Sherman Middle School, I have realized that the impact to residents of the East side would be tremendously detrimental if the F-35s came to Truax. The economic impact on the city of Madison as a whole will also be substantial. The official EIS doesn't address all of the significant consequences of the project, and minimizes the ones that it does address. It is a HUGE issue that there are minimal to no funds proposed to support the people and businesses affected by this, so if the city of Madison or State of Wisconsin eventually does decide to fill the gap somehow, it will fall to taxpayers. Taxpayers whose long-term property values will simultaneously be reduced because of this project. But money alone won't even solve the problems this will bring to our area.

For just one example, when a child's place of learning is in the zone, when their sleep, work, and play is in the zone, how can they possibly do their best? The impact goes beyond a temporary inconvenience of sound. The official report actually says that two schools will be so affected that they "would experience an increase in the number of speech interference events, which could represent a significant impact to children". That is the education of our children that is talking about! And the fact that it will be disproportionately affecting our already disadvantaged populations is so distressing to me. At a time when Madison is trying to support the equity landscape, this whole project just goes directly in the face of that. I am young, and I have an almost two year old. He will be going to school soon, and it just sickens me that the city where we live could allow something like this to affect him and his friends and neighbors.

As far as I'm concerned, this is NOT an anti-military issue. There are 4 other locations proposed for this military project, most if not all of which would impact far fewer residents. Out of all the places, I am pretty sure that we have the most people that would be negatively affected. They could choose a place that *doesn't* cause damage to our future generations' learning. This project doesn't have to be in *any human's* backyard. It is a false dichotomy to say that if Madison doesn't support this, then we don't support the military at all. They have other options. However, Madison is a great place to live. Of course they want to come here. This is about Madison standing up for the people who live here now, and for the people who could live here going forward. This is about encouraging them to actually go to the place that would cause the least amount of damage. This is a human health issue, an economic issue, an equity issue, and an environmental issue. This is not worth fewer than 70 jobs. Madison has more to offer than this.

Please please do the right thing for Madison's future, and for our community. The F-35s are not the right thing for the health of our future.

Thank you,

Kathryn Cue

From: Trenton Thompson <trenton.thompson10@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Comments

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today to let you know of my opposition of your proposal opposing the f-35 at Truax Field. The 115th fighter wing plays an important part of Madison's economy as well as being a integral part of this nations security.

Thank you,
Trenton A. Thompson

From: aathanas@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th fighter wing

Greetings,

I believe we need to consider the kind of message we are sending to our troops, men and women that have served our country and those serving now if we oppose the F35 basing here at the 115th fighter wing. We ask them to risk their lives yet we can't support and welcome them to continue their service where we live. I feel ashamed that we are even considering opposing this. I ask you to please consider this message and send the one we can all live with and be proud of. Support these men and women that support and protect us.


Thanks,
Andrea Athanas

Veldran, Lisa

From: Teri <devthor@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Try ax

I SUPPORT THE 115TH FIGHTER WING AND THE F-35'S!!!

Teri Stuebner
Mount Horeb, WI

Proud Navy Mom 

From: Matthew Braunginn <braunginn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:35 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s and a choice of morality

Dear Alders,

I know you're getting a ton of voices and contacts right now, and it seems those representing areas that will be not impacted or minimally impacted by the F-35s don't oppose them. Yes, this is a largely symbolic gesture of possible opposition, but one that is about standing up for professed ideals.

We know that this will displace largely Black and Brown families, largely lower-income families in a city that already has a distressed housing market. One that many in the lower tiers of income, again disproportionately Black and Brown, are having a hard time finding housing. This will put them out of their housing, this will displace those most vulnerable and most impacted by institutional racism and injustice. This is pure and simple environmental racism.

Many studies have been done to show the impact of the sound. Many have shown the limitations of sound insulation. This isn't about technicalities but principles on the question of "is Madison what it says it is?" And the continued answer to this question is no, a vote to not oppose them is continuing that answer.

Not only are the F-35s a gross investment of the military-industrial complex, of empire, of a base that actually doesn't protect us as this isn't "vital" airspace. A military-industrial complex that bombs Black and Brown nations, oftentimes putting Black and Brown bodies from the United States in the most harms way as well. A support for them being stationed here is a vote for that continuation.

The amount of jobs this will create is far outweighed by the racism it will perpetrate, this is the silent racism, the kind that is so easy to continue as it is just the status quo, the doing business as usual- I mean of course how could we not "support the troops." But it is so much more than that, these are the seemingly little moments that matter, ones that show us who we are. The racism of the status quo must be broken, so must the racism that our empire continues.

I am 34, and we have been at perpetual ware since I was 16 years old. This is a symbol of death, one that has hastened our own demise as a nation, our own social fabric. One that is used to kill abroad and destroy families at home too- in other ways, but still destroy.

Moments like this remind me of words of Dr. King, someone who I'm sure every one of you have honored and held up in the past and will do so in the future, but they are ever-present and evergreen:

"As I have walked among the desperate, rejected, and angry young men, I have told them that Molotov cocktails and rifles would not solve their problems. I have tried to offer them my deepest compassion while maintaining my conviction that social change comes most meaningfully through nonviolent action. But they asked, and rightly so, "What about Vietnam?" They asked if our own nation wasn't using massive doses of violence to solve its problems, to bring about the changes it wanted. Their questions hit home, and I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today: my own government. For the sake of those boys, for the sake of this government, for the sake of the hundreds of thousands trembling under our violence, I cannot be silent...

"...A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

If you are looking for moral and spiritual guidance, read this speech "[Beyond Vietnam](#)." In the context of this ever-expanding and endless "war on terror," you will find many parallels to our world today. And in fact words of a warning of a world we live in today. Stand for what is right, for what is just, and for peace by opposing the F-35s.

Thank you,

Matthew Braunginn

Veldran, Lisa

From: Roy Tudor <rtudorhawk@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Jets at the airport

I am in favor of letting our new jets fly here and you should be also.

Thank you.

From: Brad Heidel <flduckwacker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:40 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission

Alders,

I am writing this note asking you to DROP your resolution opposing the opportunity to be one of the few bases for the new F-35's!

These aircraft, the airmen and airwomen and their support staff are a tremendous asset to not only Madison but also the entire state of Wisconsin and the United States of America. Not only do they bring a significant economic impact to the community but also great citizens and their families. People we as a community can't afford to lose.

Every time I hear the current jets fly I feel a tremendous sense of pride. Not only as a resident of the local community but of America.

Instead of a resolution to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission you should be drafting a resolution in favor of those that defend our country and you everyday!

Sincerely,

Brad Heidel
Dane, WI

From: jeanne erickson <jeanne.projectbabies@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax Field

Dear Alders,

As a co-director of the Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center located within the East Madison Community Center, at 8 Straubel Court, I am asking and strongly encouraging you to vote in favor to the proposed Common Council opposing Truax Field as a base for F-35s.

The impact assessments have clearly outlined the impact the noise of the F-35s will have on the communities around Truax field. Noise mitigation is not going to be the answer as there will be, as stated in the assessment reports, nearly 1000 homes that will be uninhabitable due to the noise. The cost of sound proofing is insurmountable as an expense. Who will pay for it? Where will these families and individuals go? and who will cover those costs?

Working daily in the Truax Apartment complex I have witnessed first hand the impact of the noise of the F-16s, first on the ability to hear, carry on conversations, but also on the children who are at our center with their caregivers. Most of them will hide in some fashion when the F-16s are heard.

Our families talk about the reaction of fear, when they are flying in the evening and during the night.

The F-035s will have even greater decibels. This is unacceptable.

I thank you for the consideration and strongly encourage you to vote yes to the Common Council Resolution and oppose the F-35s.

Jeanne F. Erickson
Director of Operations fro Today Not Tomorrow, Inc.
Director of Project Babies
8 Straubel Court
Madision, WI 53704
608-770-2049
jeanne.projectbabies@gmail.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.; Bottari, Mary; Obeng, Kwasi
Subject: Letter from Air Force to city of Burlington, Vermont
Attachments: SECAF Burlington, VT 22MAY18.pdf; ATT00001.htm

FYI

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From: Dave Schroeder <daveschroeder@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 3:29:14 PM CDT
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Subject: Re: RNAListserv Fwd: F-35 Jet Update: Support the City Council Resolution

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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MAY 22 2018

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

Thank you for your April 9, 2018 letter supporting the Air Force decision to base the F-35 at Burlington Air National Guard Base and for sharing the Burlington City Council's resolution.

We expect the first F-35 aircraft to arrive in Burlington in 2019. This decision was finalized in 2013 after a 48-month review which assessed 205 locations and concluded that the Burlington International Airport was the best Air National Guard option. If that decision were to be reversed, the Vermont Air National Guard would likely lose their flying mission upon the retirement of the F-16s. The Air Force is much smaller than it was at the end of the Cold War. We have fewer bases and fewer aircraft. As a result, some states no longer have flying missions for their National Guard and the competition to secure new missions is fierce.

As you mentioned in your letter, we received numerous comments on hosting F-35s at Burlington during the Environmental Impact Statement public involvement phases. Within this process, we addressed for public record the questions the City Council expressed in its resolution. As this basing action moves forward, we will continue to engage transparently with the community. In recent meetings I have had with Governor Scott and members of Vermont's Congressional delegation, they have also expressed their continued support for the Vermont Air National Guard and our decision to modernize fighter aircraft stationed there.

The Air Force has made significant investments in the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington. We estimate capital expenditures over the next 5 years to exceed \$100 million dollars, with payroll contributions of \$50 million dollars per year. Additionally, the Air National Guard will continue to provide the fire and safety equipment supporting the joint use of the airport by both military and commercial operations.

In every generation, there is a small percentage of Americans who volunteer to protect the rest of us. "The Green Mountain Boys" have made that commitment. The Air Force appreciates the leaders of Vermont and their support for our Airmen and for the modernization of their equipment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Wilson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Heather Wilson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Michael Grode <mjgrode@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fw: My support for the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission

Hello,

I write to express my support for the 115th Fighter Wing as well as the F-35 mission. I respectfully request you drop your resolution in opposition to the 115th Fighter Wing being transitioned to F-35s. Madison would be fortunate to be home to such a critical national asset. The 115th has been a long-term good neighbor in our community, and should be welcomed to continue. In my view, a resolution thanking the 115th and expressing support for its men and women would be more appropriate.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Michael Grode

From: Ellen Magee <ellenmageelcsw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

I live on Tennyson Ln, near the airport and am not clear about whether we are in or outside "the line" referred to in the EIS. We are limited income, senior citizens who plan to move to some kind of senior living facility in the next decade and we need to be able to get current market value from our home and property. We are highly disturbed by the idea of our home being even more unlivable than it already is due to worse airport noise. Please do what you can to keep the invasion of F35's from happening. We also doubt that the F35's will make anyone in our world safer.
Thank you, Ellen Magee, 1041 Tennyson Ln., Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Charles McLimans <charles@riverfoodpantry.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:48 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: RE: F-35 Resolution

I would like to clarify that the position I have taken is based on my personal opinion which is based on numerous conversations I've had with concerned Northside residents and community partners. The River's board of directors has not taken an official position on this topic.

Thank you,
Charles

Charles McLimans

President/CEO | The River Food Pantry
Tel. 608.665.0233 (Direct) | RiverFoodPantry.org



From: Charles McLimans
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: allalder@cityofmadison.com; mayor@cityofmadison.com
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

The River Food Pantry, with primary operations at 2201 Darwin Road and offices at 2801 International Lane, stands in support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas that will come before tonight's Common Council.

As one of the most impactful nonprofit organizations serving over 1,000 low-income Dane County households and their residents each week, many of whom reside on the Northside, we are deeply concerned about the environmental and quality of life impact that the F-35 would have literally in our backyard and on our operations. Some of the most vulnerable residents of our community would be the most affected by the presence of the F-35 including many low-income seniors, children, and communities of color.

The River provides groceries, clothing, hot meals, and mobile lunches for children when they are out of school, in addition to operating 8 in school food pantries and two weekend programs in MMSD schools. All of these programs and the people who need to access these programs for household stability would be adversely impacted by the F-35.

We urge your support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas and thank you for your thoughtful consideration and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Charles McLimans

Charles McLimans

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Nichole M. Jepsen <njepsen@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing

Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to request that you oppose the resolution for the 115th Fighter Wing. Please consider all of the families affected.

Regards,

Nichole Jepsen | Dental Hygienist
Periodontal & Implant Specialists of Madison
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Phone 608.203.7023

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Veldran, Lisa

From: cacorwith1 <cacorwith1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of resolution

FYI: I totally support the resolution against having F-35s in a residential area due to increased noise, increase in frequency of flights, decreased property values, additional pollution, safety concerns, health issues (physical and psychological) related to noise/pollution, school interruption related to noise, etc. I am not anti military, only anti F-35s as stated above . Let the national guard fly the F-35s out of Volk Field.

Carla Corwith, 1000 Menomonie Lane, 53704
Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: GISELA F WILSON <gfwilson@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:59 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Opposition to F35s; Support for Resolution #57364

Gisela F Wilson
1244 Morrison Ct
Madison, WI 53703

September 17, 2019

Re: Resolution #57364 Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown

Sponsors: Grant Foster, Rebecca Kemble, Marsha A. Rummel, Patrick W. Heck, Tag Evers and Syed Abbas

Dear Alders and Mayor,

I am writing to indicate my strong opposition to basing the F-35s in Madison. We already have a shortage of low-income housing in Madison. Basing the F-35s here will significantly affect the habitability of what low-income housing Madison has. The suggested compensation for sound-proofing would lag the arrival of the F35s by years — not something low income individuals can afford on their own.

In addition, the F35s will affect several schools— including one for children with special needs. Are we going to have the funds to rebuild schools in new locations? Are we ready for the negative effects of F-35s on the mental health of adults and children with autism, epilepsy, anxiety disorders and PTSD? As with the availability of low-income housing, how we cope with mental health issues is an area in which Madison needs improvement.

In short, basing the F-35s here would be a clear example of institutional racism, ableism, and classism — forcing those with the least to sacrifice the most. The suggestion is ill-considered especially when there are other locations which would affect a smaller number of individuals.

Have the Alders not sponsoring the Resolution considered the adverse effect the F-35s are likely to have on the larger Madison area? What happens to area businesses when Madison loses its consistently favorable ranking as a great place to live? What happens to businesses on State Street when the number of people experiencing homelessness or other problems increases? The long term cost in the favorability of Madison outweighs the small number of job gains the F-35s would bring.

There are other issues with the F-35s besides their effect on habitability of housing and schools on the North and East side due to excessive noise: air and water pollution, the fact that Madison would become a military target, and the fact that once their foot is in the door, there's no guarantee the military wouldn't change its mind about storing nuclear warheads here.

For health and well-being of all Madison residents, please support the Resolution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gisela F Wilson

From: Dorothy <dborchardt1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:01 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35's - agenda item #58

Greetings Madison City Council Members,

I've lived close to Truax Field my entire life. At times the planes were so loud and low I couldn't hear the TV or a conversation on the phone. Our home shook and dishes rattled, that was part of living close to an airport and made our home affordable.

I realize there is a lot of pressure on many of you to support the alders representing the Truax Field flight area, I pray you have the courage and leadership qualities to do what is best for Madison by supporting the F-35s locating in Madison.

Our grandson is serving with the 115th Fighter Wing in Afghanistan, your support will mean a lot to him.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Dorothy Borchardt

1717 Elka Lane

District 12

From: Sally Young <sallyyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:11 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets

I would like to go on record in favor of Alder Foster's Original F-35 Resolution.

I work with individuals with autism. Noise is especially difficult for these neurologically sensitive people. It is not terribly uncommon for an autistic person to wear heavy-duty construction ear protectors all day - even in a quiet room having a quiet conversation with one other person. For some, headphones are difficult to tolerate, so they might just plug their ears with their fingers - sometimes for hours at a time.

The sound of everyday events such as a phone ringing, baby crying, or a dog barking can send an autistic person into a tailspin of difficult behavior such as screaming or head banging, and in some cases aggression. While sudden, intrusive, loud noises have a dramatic and immediate impact on individuals with autism, they can impact all of us in less obvious ways.

I know of at least one group home that sits right at the edge of the 65 dB noise contour. Their lives will be impacted in a major way either from having to move to a new home or having to stay and tolerate even higher levels of noise. Eight years ago, this agency looked for another house farther from the airport and could not find anything anywhere in the city that would be affordable for them.

Colleen Moore, former UW professor and child development expert has warned that seemingly small disruptions in the classroom cascade over time and have a continuing impact on academic performance. Thus, a high noise learning environment can lead to poor language and reading skills which in turn lead to lowered performance on cognitive and memory tasks and concentration as well as increased stress and decreased motivation. The EIS itself states that there is a linear relation between chronic aircraft noise exposure and impaired learning.

The Madison school district has been working hard to close one of the largest achievement gaps in the country. As the Environmental Impact Statement shows, the airport is surrounded by schools, including one school for children with neurological and behavioral disabilities, and five childcare centers that have a high proportion of low income and minority children. It seems clear that bringing the F-35 jets to Dane county will only serve to exacerbate the achievement gap in our schools. Surely, we are better than that.

In addition, at a time when childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions, are we going to make parks and outdoor spaces in the surrounding neighborhoods less inviting for lower income, minority, and disabled children? Surely, we are better than that.

Allowing vulnerable communities be exposed to the highest levels of F-35 jet noise flies in the face of our attempts to address Madison's dismal standing in terms of racial and economic justice as well as the school district's attempts to close the achievement gap.

This is not an Eastside issue. This is an issue that touches every district in Madison. The Environmental Impact Statement clearly states that having the jets in Madison will mean low income and minority populations will bear a greatest burden. Surely, we are better than that. This alone is reason enough to keep the F-35s out of Madison and Dane County.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Young, PhD, LPC

4112 Major Ave.

Madison, WI 53716

"The ultimate test of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." Gaylord Nelson

From: Andrew Disch <adisch@ncsrcc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s=Union Jobs



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Dear Common Council Members:

The United States Air Force F-35A Operation would require 19 infrastructure improvement projects to support the F-35A beddown. This would result in a total of 315-420 new construction jobs to complete the \$90-\$120 million infrastructure investment. (See WI3.6.1.2 of the [Draft EIS](#))

Under former Gov. Scott Walker, Wisconsin repealed its State Prevailing Wage law, however the federal Prevailing Wage law known as "Davis-Bacon" remains in effect. This means the construction jobs at the F-35A project site would pay livable wages and benefits.

The Prevailing Wage repeal in Wisconsin has resulted in a 42% increase in out-of-state contractors winning Public Work (More Details [HERE](#)). These shops don't pay Wisconsin wages or Wisconsin taxes. On the other hand, the F-35A Operation gives Wisconsin a rare opportunity to guarantee that workers on a public project are paid livable wages and benefits.

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Kay Frazier <klflightngjoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s in Madison

Hi,

I am Kay Frazier, 1625 Kings Mill Way in Madison. I am concerned about the F-35s being at Truax; with the increased noise and the closeness of quite a bit of Madison, this seems untenable. Can we move this further out from the city and housing?

Thanks you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: carl zimm <beampowereted-tetrode@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution "Responding to EIS F-35

General Information

Name: carl zimm
Address: 2034 yahara place
City: madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 608-246-0485
Work Phone:
Email: beampowereted-tetrode@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Noise from the F16s already interfere with my outdoor activities and sometimes even indoor work at my Lexington Ave. workspace. Reading the EIS summary it appears the F35s will be much louder. Truax is too close to the city for loud fighter aircraft. The F35s should go to the F125 fighter wing by Jacksonville Florida where the base is 30 miles from the city. I strongly support the resolution in response to the EIS.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: joni <joni430@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:20 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for the 115th Fighter Wing & the F-35 mission

Hello Alders of Madison-

I am *opposing* the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax. I feel that your reasoning for opposition overlooks and under emphasizes the importance of retaining the WI Air National Guard at Truax. The 115th Fighter Wing is comprised of men and women of integrity. These are hard working families who are an asset to our community. If F-35s do not get assigned to Truax, it is likely this base will eventually close. The 1200 families who currently have a loved one working at the base will be forced to leave the Madison area.

The families that are cited as being negatively affected by the F-35s are the families that live near the airport. Unfortunately it is a common fact that real estate is less expensive near airports due to **ALL** airport noise including airline jets, military jets and military helicopters. This real estate is essentially affordable to many because of the airport! Moreover, there are plans in place to offer federal assistance for noise mitigation to the homes affected by the F-35s. I see this as a bonus for those families who will benefit in many ways from new windows, new insulation and air conditioning including increased energy efficiency and comfort.

In closing, I fully support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. I see this as an opportunity to continue to provide jobs for the 1200 families of the WI Air National Guard in addition to creating more jobs for the people of Madison and the surrounding areas.

Most importantly, by welcoming this opportunity we are showing support for the men and women who chose to fight for **OUR** freedom every day of their lives.

I hope you will reconsider your opposition and realize what is at stake.

Thank you for your attention,

Joni Messner

From: David Vriezen <dave.vriezen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Bring the F-35 to Madison

Dear Alders

I want to add my support for bringing the future of Aviation to Madison. While there are concerns about noise, if 60% of the current F-16s use afterburner for takeoff and only 5% of F-35s are expected to use afterburner, the noise levels will be lesser. I ran a jet engine shop in the Air Force and the difference is substantial.

Respectfully

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Support for Common Council Resolution Against F-35s

Begin forwarded message:

From: Charlyn Cruz-Nuñez <charlyn.cruz@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 4:21:23 PM CDT
To: "Baldeh, Samba" <district17@cityofmadison.com>, "district5@cityofmadison.com" <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Common Council Resolution Against F-35s

Hello Alder Baldeh and Bidar,

While I know many people have voiced their concerns regarding the F-35s at Truax Field. I wanted to add my voice to the pile and state I am in support of the Madison Common Council Resolution regarding the F-35 at the Truax Field.

I am a resident of District 17, and the airport is right behind my house.

Address: 3110 Old Gate Rd #B, Madison.

Sincerely,

Charlyn Cruz Nuñez

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Charlyn Cruz Nuñez - MSW, APSW



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

From: Maria Powell (MEJO) <mariapowell@mejo.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:25 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Cc: 'jimpowell@mejo.us'; touyengxiong@mejo.us; idajammeh@mejo.us
Subject: Update: MEJO and 85 Truax/trailer park residents support Resolution #57364

Dear Alders & Mayor again:

Today at the East Madison Community Center food pantry, twenty more people signed in support of the resolution to oppose F-35 fighter jets.

Rough summary of my informal survey: 100 people total were surveyed, the majority from the Truax apartments and the rest in the trailer park:

- The majority of the people I talked with were people of color and all/nearly all are low income based on where they live;
- Out of 100 people I talked with, 85 said they oppose the F-35s and support the resolution to oppose them;
- Of the 15 people who did not support the resolution because they like to watch the planes, believe the jets will provide jobs and keep us safe, or don't mind the noise:
 - nearly all were white men, middle-aged or older
 - none had small children at home

I know this informal survey is not scientific or representative and I am not presenting it as such. Regardless, my conversations with these people who are directly affected by the jet noise now clearly refutes the argument that low income people "get used to" it. It also shows a clear patterns in who is more concerned (parents of small children, people of color) and less concerned (white older men) about the current jet noise and the 3-4 times louder F-35 noise.

I strongly suspect if more formal surveys were done with representative samples from the Truax and other low income neighborhoods near the base, these results would be replicated.

Also, none of these people attended (or knew about) the public meetings last week on the F-35s **so their voices were not heard there**. Most couldn't attend anyway, for the reasons articulated in my previous email.

Thank you for listening,
Maria

On 9/17/2019 8:41 AM, Maria Powell (MEJO) wrote:

Dear Alders & Mayor:

As the Executive Director of the Midwest Environmental Justice Organization (MEJO), and Northside Madison resident, I support Resolution #57364 on tonight's common council agenda.**

If Madison is serious about reducing and eliminating racial and social inequities, the Common Council will support a strong and clear resolution against basing the F-35 jets here, which will only further exacerbate these inequities.

The Midwest Environmental Justice Organization works with communities to prevent exposures to toxic pollution (including noise), especially among the most vulnerable--infants, children, elderly, ill, low income, people of color--who are often disproportionately exposed to these health risks. This is the case even here in privileged, environmentally-conscious Madison. Low income people living near Truax

Field, who have been disproportionately exposed to excessive jet noise and toxic pollution for decades, are a case in point.

Yet in the last several days, at public meetings, I have heard F-35 proponents and even some Madison elected officials say that people in Truax and other low income neighborhoods next to the base "get used to" the noise, or that noise is a "privileged people's" issue--implying that they are not bothered by the jet noise. If they are, "why aren't they coming to public meetings?" one asked.

These comments are troubling on a number of levels--and completely wrong. **In last last few days I have talked in-person with over 65 Truax and Oak Park Terrace (trailer park) residents who are very disturbed by the current F-16 jet noise and enthusiastically--with no hesitation--signed in support of the resolution to say no to the F-35s.** They described to me how the existing F-16 jets disturb and alarm them physically and psychologically, keep them awake at night, wake their babies, and scare their children. Some are terrified that the jets will crash on their apartments. People who migrated from war-torn countries where fighter jets flew over (and sometimes dropped bombs) are understandably traumatized by seeing and hearing these planes over their homes and families here. They have no problem imagining how 3-4 times louder F-35 jets will affect them and their families.

MEJO members know first-hand what the fighter jets sound like in the Truax neighborhood. Since 2017 we have worked with people there on pollution affecting Starkweather Creek, and most of our meetings have been at the East Madison Community Center in the center of the neighborhood. On many occasions, we experienced the earth-shattering noise when the F-16s take off from Truax Field. The experience goes well beyond the decibel levels. It shakes the ground and your body. It's stunning--and at times momentarily paralyzing.

MEJO's Vice President Touyeng Xiong (who lives in the Truax Apartments) [testified](#) at the F-35 meeting about how the jet noise affects his family and neighborhood. Loretta Smith, Touyeng's neighbor, describes what the sound is like [here](#).

Why are residents from low income neighborhoods near the base not attending public meetings in droves to oppose the F-35s? Here's what they told me (and what I know from our work in the Truax and Darbo neighborhoods--and because of my past experiences living in poverty): They are overwhelmed with basic survival, along with many socioeconomic, employment, and/or physical/mental health challenges. They are receiving little/no information about the fighter jet and pollution issues and how they will be affected, so most are unaware of meetings in the first place and/or if they hear about them, aren't sure how to participate. Some do not speak English. Many cannot spend hours at evening meetings, even if they want to participate. Many have young children and lack childcare, or are taking care of elderly or ill family members. Some have several jobs including nighttime shifts. Some cannot get to meetings because they have no car. Others are demoralized and cynical--they don't think their opinions will matter. Some told me they think participation is pointless because, as one man in the trailer park said, "nobody cares about us, we're the forgotten ones."

MEJO is concerned about more than just noise. We're concerned about exposures to toxic chemicals people can't see or hear--and most are unaware of. Our organization has advocated to city, county, state, and federal officials since early 2018 to pressure the military to investigate and clean up the toxic chemicals leaching from the Truax base and nearby burn pits--especially PFAS, but also volatile organic compounds (VOCs, such as PCE/TCE), PAHs, petroleum compounds, metals, and numerous others. PFAS has contaminated soil and groundwater at the base (and likely air too), has leached off the base into the drinking water well one mile away (that serves the Truax neighborhood)

and very likely into Starkweather Creek and its fish, which people in the community eat. To date we still have no PFAS data from the creek or fish.

The Truax neighborhood, so close to the base, is disproportionately exposed to PFAS and other pollutants. The military refuses to investigate and clean up this toxic mess, claiming it doesn't have the funds, even though it has trillions of dollars to spend on F-35 war machines.

The siting of the F-35s here will require extensive new construction at the base that will disrupt contaminated soils and groundwater, releasing more toxic chemicals into air, groundwater, soils, and the creek. The F-35s require a plethora of other toxic chemicals for operations and maintenance (which the draft EIS doesn't identify) that will also be released into the environment in various contexts. The draft EIS vaguely dismisses or does not address most of these potential environmental and health impacts at all.

In sum, it is indisputable--as the military's own draft EIS states in the case of noise alone--that the proposed F-35s will have disproportionate negative effects on low income people of color living in rental apartments and/or trailers closest to the base, who cannot move away.

These supersonic fighter jets will also affect many other Madison residents--homeowners and renters alike, from a range of income levels and backgrounds--beyond the areas immediately adjacent to the base, including my own family.**

Please vote on the side of environmental justice and support Resolution #57364 opposing the F-35s.

Thank you for listening and for your careful consideration of our comments.

Maria Powell, PhD
Executive Director, Midwest Environmental Justice Organization
Madison, WI 53704
608-240-1485, mariapowell@mejo.us, mejo.us

****My home/office is 1311 Lake View Ave, Madison 53704 (about 2 miles west of the airport).** F-16 fighter jets fly over regularly on some of their routes from Truax Field. When the jets go over it is extremely loud and inhibits conversations--and if we are outside or on our screen porch, we cannot hear anything and have to stop conversation entirely as several jets fly over one by one (usually they fly in groups). At times, they wake us at night when larger numbers of jets deploy at once. At our garden down the street, a bit closer to the base, the noise is even louder and the overhead flights are even more frequent.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bryan <outerlimitsbab@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Re: Horrible F-35s

And I'm Bryan Benwitz at 2434 Independence Lane Madison WI. Thanks

From: Bryan
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Madison Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Horrible F-35s

Madison Alders,

Do NOT approve the F-35s! Don't do that to Madison! Worst idea of the century! Thank you.

From: john barkei <barkeij@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: CC resolution 57364

Dear Alders,

While I am in favor of the economic development that bringing these to Madison might promote, I live under the flight paths and have serious doubts about projected noise levels, given current levels.

There is currently too much jet noise in terms of volume in dB and time of day, with flights starting at 5:45am and continuing until around 11:30pm. There is no 8 hour period of relief from it, though I understand many other large municipalities place restrictions. The F-16s generally take off and land in groups of 2-4 planes, so the noise is more or less continuous for several minutes, not just momentarily.

I have lived on Upham St since 1994, and there has been significant increase in dB, number of flights and flight hours in that period, especially with the F-16s, and bringing F-35s would almost certainly be another step in that trend, probably paving the way for louder 'F-50s' in the future. It is also my observation that there seems to have been an increase in the use of after burners on F-16s since the F-35 debate began.

I am also concerned about current and future water pollution from chemical use (especially PFAS) with the planes, and want more analysis.

Further, I think having F-35s housed here would put Madison at greater risk of being targeted if there was some conflict, not somehow safer.

As stated in Common Council resolution 57364v4, all of these issues affect residents' health and well-being and their property values and therefore the city's tax base, with health and well-being diminishments disproportionately affect those with lower incomes.

I would suggest working toward a compromise of accepting the F-35s if there was a plan to mitigate these issues. However, that seems idealistic rather than realistic, and regretfully write to voice my support of the Common Council resolution 57364 v4 at this time.

Sincerely,

John Barkei

From: Pilar Rebecca Gomez-Ibanez <pilarrebecca@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:27 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Support for City Council Resolution opposing F-35s at Truax

Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of the City Council Resolution sponsored by Alders Foster, Kemble and Rummel, opposing F-35s at Truax.

I share the concerns outlined in the resolution, including the disproportionate effect on children and families of color and lower-income residents; the loss of affordable homes; and the effect on human and environmental health. I am deeply troubled by the longstanding pattern of locating the most polluting, dangerous, and disruptive industries in areas of poverty. I am also concerned with the F-35s' effect on our environment, including groundwater contamination, air pollution, and the effects of both noise and pollution on animals, birds, and aquatic life. Finally, I have a moral objection to nuclear warfare, and believe it runs counter to everything we should stand for as a community.

I live on the near east side of Madison, where we are regularly buzzed by the flights of the current F-16 fighter jets. They are ear-splitting. Conversation stops, the dishes rattle in the cupboards, the dog is terrified. I can't imagine how unbearable the increased noise of the F-35s will be for people living so much closer to Truax, close to the take-off and landing areas, in the zone the Air Force has concluded will be uninhabitable.

Please support the resolution tonight opposing F-35s in Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pilar Gomez-Ibanez
1326 Dewey Ct
Madison, WI 53703

From: Corryn Cue <corryn.cue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:29 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35A beddown in Madison

Dear Representatives,

I'm writing to oppose the housing of the F35 jets in Madison and support the resolution being brought by Alder Grant Foster.

One of the biggest problems facing our city right now is a lack of affordable housing. The housing and operations of these jets will affect far too many households, lowering immediate property values (and tax revenues) and making access to quality affordable housing worse. The area affected disproportionately affects minorities and low-income communities that have the least ability to come and speak out for themselves.

If losing and worsening the worst-hit housing were the brunt of this I would still say it's not worth the cost, but the increased noise and air-traffic will affect schools and places of work in the 65 db area.

I once lived in an apartment while going to school and lived through the effects of at times debilitating noise levels. In my case, it was low frequency noise from a neighbor. The volume was not the issue, but the physical vibrations traveling through my unit were. I never knew when it would happen, how long it would last, and found it fruitless asking anyone for help. It affected my sleep, my school performance, and largely my mental health.

Who will those affected turn to for help?

Please. Support Alder Foster's resolution to oppose housing the F35s in our community. Particularly in tonight's common council meeting, but also beyond.

Sincerely,
Corryn Cue

From: Sol Kelley-Jones <solkelleyjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Resolution in OPPOSITION to F-35 Deployment at Truax

Dear Madison Common Council Alders,

I am writing to you today to urge you to support the resolution before you tonight in opposition to the F-35 Deployment at Truax.

As a Madison resident, I am deeply concerned about the F-35 program being stationed at Truax, the significant and detrimental environmental impact of the deployment and the sound pollution it would generate, impacting residents, especially children. Likewise, I am troubled by the overall message this project sends by prioritizing expensive weapons of aggression and violence that are regressive and incongruent with the values of the City of Madison – an innovative and forward moving city with a commitment to the environment and the common good.

While advocates of this project have touted the economic benefits, the facts are that the job production would actually be very small and would be dwarfed by its costs to the community. Investing in jobs and sustainable economic opportunity for our community is critical, but we as a city should be investing and prioritizing jobs in sectors like health, clean energy, and education. These sectors are life-affirming, forward moving, and positive for our city and world community, unlike the F-35 project that cynically furthers industries of war and violence and underwrites more profits for war profiteers like the F-35 manufactures, Lockheed Martin, one of the most profitable arms manufactures in the world now seeing record profits.

As a city resident, a parent, and an advocate for a more just and equitable city where all our residents can thrive and enjoy a quality of life, I urge you to support the resolution opposing the F-35 program before you tonight and stand for the health, well-being of our city's residents and Madison as a city that values investment in our children's future, not the machinery and industry that is designed to eliminate life and profit from violent conflict.

With appreciation for the work you do,

Sol Kelley-Jones

4341 Crawford Drive

Madison, WI, 53711

solkelleyjones@gmail.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jenny K. Kavanagh <jkavanagh@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35 Basing

I request that you oppose the F-35 basing proposal this evening. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kavanagh | Orthodontic Assistant
Dental Health Associates
East Clinic | 49 N. Walbridge Ave | Madison, WI 53714
South Clinic | 2971 Chapel Valley Road | Madison, WI 53711
East line 608.246.3691 | South line 608.661.6420
jkavanagh@dhamadison.com



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From: Jessica Thornsens <jessicathornsens@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:34 PM
To: All Alders; Together Truax
Subject: F-35

I 100% support the F-35s coming to Madison! The fact that the noise is an issue is just outrageous! The noise happens for 40 minutes a day for 4 days a week. That's nothing! It's the sound of freedom! We should be thankful for all service people who proudly serve for us. They sacrifice their lives to protect us and I'm pretty sure people in our area can sacrifice hearing 40 minutes a day of wonderful noise.

Please vote yes for the F-35s

Thanks!

Jessica Showers

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Veronica Figueroa <artmvfdesign@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:35 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor
Subject: F35's

Good evening,

My apologies for not being present at the City Council meeting tonight due to a work traveling commitment. My family and I live on the north side of town. We are concern about the possibility of having an F35's base about 10 minutes away from my house, the park where my children and other children play and the middle and elementary schools as well as the community center in the area. I'm writing to express my opposition to this proposal. I welcome the resolution presented by Alder Rebecca Kemble and other alders against the base. Entertaining any other resolution sends the message that north side residents have no value to this body. Due to my work and other family commitments I haven't been able to express my concerns about this recent attack to north side residents. Thank you for your consideration. I hope you support the resolution submitted by alder Kemble.

Sincerely,

Veronica Figueroa Velez
Northside Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Delaney Cairns <dcair152@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35's at Truax

Dear Alder Kimble, Alder Abbas, and Madison Alders,

I live in District 18, on the border of District 12, and I'm writing to ask that you vote tonight to oppose the F-35's at Truax. I have migraine headache episodes that are debilitating. Beside medication, what helps the most during these episodes is laying in a dark and quiet room.

The noise from the F-16 jets already impact me during these episodes, but when I moved in I understood the frequency with which these jets would fly. A 47% increase in the frequency of flights and potential increase in sound that the F-35's would bring concern me. There are many others, I am sure, who would be affected in various ways by the increased activity and noise of these planes.

Thank you for considering this issue,
Delaney

Delaney Cairns
438 East Bluff
Madison, WI, 53704

From: Lisa Schreibersdorf <l.schreibersdorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 beddown at Truax

I am writing to support the Madison City Council resolution opposing F-35s at Truax. I am very concerned about the negative environmental impact. Furthermore, the potential economic benefits are low, especially when considered along with the economic losses resulting from the loss of homes and potential businesses in the affected neighborhoods. I believe it is important for our City government to speak up for us, the residents of the city.

Lisa Schreibersdorf
2701 Willard Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Lucas Graves <lucas.graves@gmail.com> on behalf of Lucas Graves <lucasgraves@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:42 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please vote NO on F35!!!!

Please vote NO on the supersonic, super polluting, F-35. I live at 157 Ohio Street, where I hear almost every plane leaving MSN, and I strongly oppose locating this program so close to a major residential center!

Thank you
Lucas Graves

From: Megan Bjella <mbjella@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No F-35s, please support the resolution

Dear Alders,

Please support the resolution at tonight's common council meeting to oppose the F-35 fighter jets. The jets would disproportionately affect communities of color, children, and low-income people. Supporters of the jets suggest that they will create jobs, however there are other ways to create jobs that do not take such a toll on our community and other communities around the world.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Megan Bjella
District 6 resident
1219 Spaight St, Apt 2

From: John Sorrel W <john.sorrel.weakland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:49 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Dane County voter John Weakland wants rejection of F35

I am a voter in district 6 and I strongly oppose F35s coming to Truax, because of the noise nuisance, but even more so because they do not represent our values.

John Weakland
2117 Linden Ave, Madison, WI 53704

From: Tracy Butcher <parducci2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th FW

As a concerned citizen I am writing this email to urge you to oppose the resolution to not bring the F-35 here to Madison. The 115th FW has played a vital role in our community for years. They even played a very prominent role on September 11, 2001!

The military has an effect on our economy. You would be eliminating jobs for our military as well as spouses and family members.

Please think hard and long before opposing the F-35.

Respectfully,

Tracy Herwig

From: Susan Maia McNamara <smmcnamara7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets @ Truax

Hello all,

Please support the resolution that rejects the location of F-35 jets at Truax Field.

I do NOT want the F-35's flying over Madison. It will create noise pollution that will be so powerful, it will result in the relocation of Madison residents. Please do not question my patriotism because I merely want to protect and preserve the "peace and quiet" of my neighborhood. Hearing loss because jets are performing training routes so close by the Madison population is not a far-fetched notion. The F-35's should be located in a less populated area that will not impact the health and well being of so many citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susan Maia McNamara
2201 Center Ave # 2
Madison WI 53704

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Kleckner <dskleckner@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

As residents of Wisconsin we support the F-35 fighter for the 115th Fighter Wing coming to Truax Field in Madison. It's always a case of no one wanting it in their backyard but the 115th has been a good neighbor in Madison and we feel safer with them in Wisconsin.

David Kleckner
Suzanne Kleckner
Keith Rismeyer
Chris Rismeyer

Sent from my iPhone

From: Miller, Michael <MillerM@beloitwi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:53 PM
To: All Alders

Dear Alders, I am writing to express mine and my wife's, as well as our adult children's support of the United States Air Force decision to move the newest, state of art fighter jets to our city! We have fought hard to make our local base attractive to the USAF and are SO close to being rewarded greatly! Please consider opposing the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing, in our city. We love watching the F-16's fly overhead while circling for landings. Every time I see them, I say "that's our freedom"! God bless all of those hard working service people. Not only do the new jets bring in a huge amount of money to our economy, but they bring jobs for many years to come.

I can't speak for those opposing, but I can say that they moved into a residence near the airport - what did they expect? Currently, there are F-16's, commercial jets and other loud aircraft, and that's not going to change. The only change is a little added noise - for our freedom. The small percentage of folks affected is not the will of the people. Please cast your vote for the majority of the residents. Last thing - those you didn't hear from are most likely in favor of the jets, or they would be writing thousands and thousands of letters.

Mchael Miller
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Madison
608-575-8618

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From: Tammy Bieberstein <jybolybey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:54 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

General Information

Name: Tammy Bieberstein
Address: 1320 Spaight St.
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53703
Phone: 608-257-1329
Work Phone:
Email: jybolybey@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I respond in opposition to the F-35's being stationed at Truax Field,, or anywhere in Madison.

It is wrong to displace 1000s of people by rendering their homes uninhabitable for the F-35's to be located here, and most of the people affected directly can not afford to lose their affordable housing. We already have a housing shortage in Madison making the costs go up so even more people can't afford descent housing.

The F-16s are already too loud as it is, not to mention the airlines overhead.

We in the US spend more on military than the rest of the countries with military spending combined. We can do better things with our tax dollars.

Also, since the money is already spent, there are other places in the state that could really benefit from the boost in their economy by locating the F-35's in their areas, provided care is taken not to displace anyone from their homes.

Please take what I say in consideration,

Thank you, Tammy Bieberstein

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Gary Stephens <stephensge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing Decision

I strongly support the selection of Madison WI (Triad Field / Dane County Regional Airport). It's an honor to be selected as qualified to be responsible for this next generation aircraft to help safeguard the northern border of America. Also, It's a huge responsibility. Many people in WI, including myself, have want Madison (Wisconsin) to remain a key part of nation's security. The people that I know on the base, have a great mix of skills, which they can also use in the Madison community in the future, as volunteer opportunities too.

Gary Stephens
Fitchburg, WI

Note: Also once lived in Long Beach, CA within 5 miles of The Long Beach, CA airport for about 8 years.

Veldran, Lisa

From: ju...er Y <juliwagner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:01 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Oppose F-35 plan for Truax

I oppose the plans for F-35 operation at Truax.

The impacts and costs on immediate and surrounding residents, businesses, neighborhoods, natural resources and supporting resources (city, county, health, etc) far exceed any benefit.

The F-35 itself appears to be a sub-par vehicle and program in terms of performance and benefit to the military branches, and at great cost.

Engage the federal and military stakeholders for better outcomes for all parties involved. Reject F-35 operation in Madison and at Truax.

Juli Wagner
133 S Franklin St
District 6

From: Karolyn Beebe <keedo70@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Clean Water-NO jets at Truax Please

Dear Alders of Madison,

You have my strong support for the Resolution against F-35 in Madison.

The US military activities have laced so much with PFAS and other chemicals.

When you find a way to do so, demand that the US military use the Truax Field property as their lab for discovering how to make these waters clean again.

**Thank you,
Karolyn Beebe
220 Merry Street
Madison - 53704**

From: Chris Arenz <chrisarenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for F-35 Basing

I am the Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council and represent almost 4,000 supporters in the Madison of basing the F-35 in Madison. I live in District 1, but understand the concern that has been generated in the community surrounding the airport. I believe the concern is unnecessary. I am a retired F-16 pilot and can tell you from first hand experience that the assumptions around the number of operations that will occur in the F-35 are grossly overstated. That overstated number has driven the noise contours to be bigger, encompassing more homes, than will be seen in practice. In my EIS commentary to the Air Force, I have asked for a "most-likely" scenario noise contour that mirrors the operations of the F-16 - which will be the steady-state operations of the F-35

Bottom line is there will be no perceptible difference between the F-16 and F-35.

Thank you,
Chris Arenz

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Baldwin Letter on F-35 EIS
Attachments: 2019.08.23 Baldwin Letter to Air Force_F35 Truax EIS.pdf; ATT00001.htm

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Souter, Blake (Baldwin) <Blake_Souter@baldwin.senate.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 10:43 AM
Subject: Baldwin Letter on F-35 EIS
To: Mary Bottari <mary.bottari@gmail.com>

Attached.

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Mary Bottari

Office of the Mayor

Veldran, Lisa

From: Adam Barr <adam@Madisonbiz.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Correcting the Record on the F-35 basing
Attachments: Correcting the Record.pdf

Greetings Alders,

As the Mayor stated this afternoon, there are a number of misconceptions about the F-35 basing. We've done our diligence over the past few weeks to discern fact from fiction, and produced the attached in the hope that you will find it useful.

Best,
Adam

ADAM BARR
Public Policy Manager

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608-443-1963

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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August 23, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Donovan
Secretary (Acting)
U.S. Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing in regards to the United States Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the F-35A mission at Truax Air National Guard Base. The 115th Fighter Wing has a proud history of serving the nation, the State of Wisconsin and the Madison community, and the 115th's many years of experience in the F-16 makes it highly suitable for the F-35 mission. Not only is Truax the most cost-effective location for this mission for the taxpayers, I also understand the importance of the Guard base to the local economy, with an estimated impact of over \$100 million annually. While transitioning to the F-35A mission will bring an economic benefit to the region that is welcomed, I also share the concern of some in our community about the potential noise impacts that have been estimated by the DEIS. As the planning process moves forward, the Air Force should provide more clarity on the potential noise impacts to the community. In addition, prior to the release of the final Environmental Impact Statement, the Air Force should publicly outline steps it will take to mitigate impacts to the community.

The draft projects that F-35 training requirements will increase annual air operations from 4,900 (F-16C) to 6,222 air operations (F-35A). However, the DEIS does not take into consideration that, according to historical data, not all air operations take place at Truax ANG Base. For many years, approximately 20% of air operations have been conducted at locations other than Truax. Utilizing an estimate based on 100% home station, the DEIS projects a maximum possible impact to as many as 2,215 residents in a part of the Madison community that faces socio-economic challenges. However, it is my understanding that if air operations were conducted at a rate more in line with historical data, there would be a less severe impact on the community. Regarding the number of air operations, please answer the following questions:

1. What percentage of all F-35A air operations for the 115th will take place at Truax?
2. If the assessment accounted for an 80% home state rate in line with historical data, would that reduce the amount of people affected by noise?
3. How will air operations and associated impacts change over time?

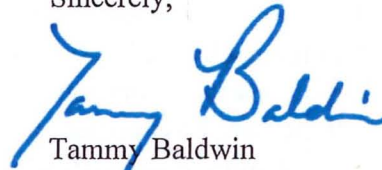
Additionally, the DEIS notes that children in particular may be impacted by noise. The DEIS states that two parks, two schools and three daycare centers fall within the 65 Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL)—the point considered to be when aircraft noise has a discernable impact. This is an issue of particular concern for the Madison community and I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. When will there be an increase of noise interference, above current missions, that may impact school operations from continuing without interference?
2. What options are there to mitigate potential impacts of noise?

Finally, while I understand that the purpose of the DEIS was to identify the maximum potential impacts, and the scope of the document does not include a mitigation strategy, I would appreciate in writing, the USAF's plan to work with me, the FAA, the State of Wisconsin and the Madison community to mitigate any potential impacts, particularly on children and low-income communities.

I look forward to working with you to provide mitigation efforts for those that may be impacted and to a continued partnership to support America's airmen and women.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

Correcting the Record: F-35A at Truax Field

Myth: According to Lockheed Martin, the F-16 can fly to 2070 and beyond. If the base is not in danger of closing, the real economic impact of the F-35 is 64 new jobs.

Fact: The F-16C/D Block 30 has been in service at Truax Field since 1992 and is nearing the end of its service life. The U.S. Air Force is replacing the F-16 with the F-35A, and basing the F-35A at Truax Field will secure a [flying mission](#) for the 115th Fighter Wing for decades to come.

Air National Guard bases that lose their flying mission have faced significant personnel cuts and commensurate reductions in economic impact. After losing its flying mission, the 131st Fighter Wing of the Missouri Air National Guard [transferred its F-15s](#) to other bases and reassigned 600 guardsmen to a base 3 hours away. 400 guardsmen remain to provide mission support functions. Then U.S. Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson [said under oath](#) to Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont during a 2018 hearing that if Burlington did not get the F-35A, they would likely lose their flying mission.

Without a flying mission, the 115th Fighter Wing would have less [military value](#) and be much more susceptible to closure in a future round of base realignment. The F-35A ensures a flying mission for the 115th Fighter Wing and the continuation of its 1,200 jobs and \$100 million local economic impact, as well as 64 new permanent jobs and 315-420 construction jobs.

Opponents have suggested that the 115th Fighter Wing could simply accept used F-16s from other bases when its jets reach the end of their life. There are a few problems with this. The U.S. Air Force [stopped purchasing](#) F-16s in 2005, so these would be used jets with flight hours on them already. Additionally, these jets would be newer Block 50 F-16s that have approximately the same noise levels as the F-35A.

Myth: The F-35A jets will be at least four times louder than the F-16s that currently fly over Madison.

Fact: The Royal Netherlands Air Force conducted [noise trials](#) in advance of their F-35A basing to allow residents to compare the noise levels with the F-16. Both jets flew 14 passes each and 1,500 residents provided real-time feedback on their impressions. Based on their responses, the differences were minor, with the F-16 perceived as having a more piercing sound. Sensors measured sound on the ground at various locations and the F-16 registered 112 dB at its loudest, while the F-35A was 109 dB at its loudest. [According to experts](#), the minimum change in sound level the human ear can detect is 3 dB.

Myth: The F-35 jet will fly 47 percent more than the current F-16 squadron.

Fact: After pilots are F-35A qualified and the [alert mission](#) (protecting the homeland from threats) is transitioned from the F-16s to the F-35s, the EIS projects an overall increase of 27 percent instead of 47 percent. According to the EIS and the [City of Madison EIS analysis](#), the F-16 drawdown should coincide with the arrivals of the F-35 and pilots being qualified. The EIS states that F-35A will arrive 2023-2024, meaning there will be a steep drop in military aircraft operations after the first year.

Once pilots are F-35A qualified, off-station sorties (flights that takeoff or land from other airfields) and deployments will resume, and that has historically made up 20 percent of all aircraft operations. Additionally, Madison should have fewer flights than other comparable Wings with F-35s because the 115th Fighter Wing averages a 10 percent loss of flights due to weather and needs fewer takeoffs and landings due to the ability to refuel in the air, thanks to the 128th Refueling Wing in Milwaukee. These reductions are not accounted for in the EIS.

Myth: Thousands of residents will be in homes unsuitable for habitation.

From the [City of Madison EIS analysis](#): "This should not, however, be interpreted as the homes being uninhabitable as has been discussed by some in the community. It's not uncommon for residential units to be within the 65 dB contour, particularly in older cities and metro areas where the airport is relatively centrally located. This is the case with other airports in the region including Chicago O'Hare, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis Saint Paul."

Municipalities determine where residents can live. The [City of Madison EIS analysis](#) says clearly that incompatible for residential use does not mean uninhabitable. The FAA's designation of incompatibility defines whether FAA funding can be used to mitigate noise.

The noise impact figures and noise contours found in the EIS are based on aircraft operations that will only exist during the first year. The long-term noise impact will be substantially lower, affecting far fewer residents than indicated in the EIS.

Dane County Regional Airport's official noise exposure maps include the F-16 taking off in afterburner 100 percent of the time without roughly 30,000 more annual aircraft operations than the airport had last year. The Royal Netherlands Air Force [noise trials](#) show the F-16 at its loudest (in afterburner) is louder than the F-35A. The logical conclusion is that the noise contours for the F-35A should not be too dissimilar than today's noise exposure maps.

Just as Dane County Regional Airport did in the 1990's, a Part 150 study would be conducted, and sound mitigation provided for anyone impacted by airport noise. As a result of the study, the number of residents within the 65-75 dB DNL contours has dropped by roughly 3,000 since 1990.

Myth: Mitigation will not be available for residents just outside the EIS noise contours.

Fact: EIS maps are not the maps that determine [Part 150 eligibility](#). Dane County Regional Airport will conduct its own study using actual measurements and operations to determine noise exposure, and after approval from the FAA, eligibility will be established. The airport's official noise exposure maps have been very different than what the [1996 EIS](#) showed, due to poor assumptions in the EIS and proactive operational mitigation strategies by the airport and the 115th Fighter Wing.

Myth: Dane County is responsible for all noise abatement.

As the sponsor, Dane County Regional Airport would apply for an [Airport Improvement Program](#) grant with the FAA as part of [Part 150](#). Under the program, the FAA would cover 90 percent of noise abatement costs. Dane County Regional Airport last sponsored a Part 150 program in the 1990's.

Myth: The F-35 will bring nuclear weapons to Madison.

Fact: The 115th Fighter Wing does not have a nuclear mission. The F-16s that have been flown at Truax Field for the past 32 years were also nuclear capable jets. While the F-35A is a nuclear capable aircraft, it will not ship to Truax Field with the necessary hardware or software due to the lack of a nuclear mission. The [City of Madison EIS analysis](#) supports this.



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MAY 22 2018

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

Thank you for your April 9, 2018 letter supporting the Air Force decision to base the F-35 at Burlington Air National Guard Base and for sharing the Burlington City Council's resolution.

We expect the first F-35 aircraft to arrive in Burlington in 2019. This decision was finalized in 2013 after a 48-month review which assessed 205 locations and concluded that the Burlington International Airport was the best Air National Guard option. If that decision were to be reversed, the Vermont Air National Guard would likely lose their flying mission upon the retirement of the F-16s. The Air Force is much smaller than it was at the end of the Cold War. We have fewer bases and fewer aircraft. As a result, some states no longer have flying missions for their National Guard and the competition to secure new missions is fierce.

As you mentioned in your letter, we received numerous comments on hosting F-35s at Burlington during the Environmental Impact Statement public involvement phases. Within this process, we addressed for public record the questions the City Council expressed in its resolution. As this basing action moves forward, we will continue to engage transparently with the community. In recent meetings I have had with Governor Scott and members of Vermont's Congressional delegation, they have also expressed their continued support for the Vermont Air National Guard and our decision to modernize fighter aircraft stationed there.

The Air Force has made significant investments in the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington. We estimate capital expenditures over the next 5 years to exceed \$100 million dollars, with payroll contributions of \$50 million dollars per year. Additionally, the Air National Guard will continue to provide the fire and safety equipment supporting the joint use of the airport by both military and commercial operations.

In every generation, there is a small percentage of Americans who volunteer to protect the rest of us. "The Green Mountain Boys" have made that commitment. The Air Force appreciates the leaders of Vermont and their support for our Airmen and for the modernization of their equipment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Wilson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Heather Wilson



F-35, F-16 Noise Difference Small, Netherlands Study Shows

[Aerospace Daily & Defense Report](#)

[Tony Osborne](#)

Tue, 2016-05-31 11:43

LONDON – Analysis of the first noise trials in the Netherlands with the [F-35](#) Joint Strike Fighter has found that the difference in noise levels between the F-35 and [F-16](#) is perceived to be small.

The first trials took place May 26 following the May 23 arrival of two F-35As at Leeuwarden air base after the first eastbound transatlantic crossing by the new fighter. The aircraft has widely been reported to be louder than early and later models of the F-16 with more powerful engines. But the F-35's sound characteristics are different.

According to the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) and the Netherlands Aerospace Center (NLR), which monitored the results of the online questionnaire in real-time as the sorties were flown, people living near Leeuwarden found that the noise difference between the two types tended to be minor. Locals suggested that the F-35 is less noisy than the high-pitch whine produced by the F-16.

The NLR and the RNLAf say this data is backed up by noise measuring equipment located near the base which measured peaks of around 109 dB for the F-35 and around 112 dB for the F-16. The F-35s were flown clean—with no external weapons or tanks—in what the RNLAf describes as a “training configuration commonly used for the Netherlands.”

As part of the first trials, the air force performed a series of 28 passes, 14 with the F-35 and 14 with the F-16. Seven passes took place in the morning and seven in the evening, with and without rehear. Residents were then asked online to answer a series of questions about how they perceived the noise.

Around 1,500 households took part in the surveys near Leeuwarden and Volkel, the two Dutch air bases that will receive the F-35. The air force says the households were well distributed to give an impression of the noise impact around the bases.

As well as testing noise perception, the deployment will also confirm the compatibility of the F-35 with the hardened aircraft shelters on Dutch airfields. Later, the F-35 will make its European debut with an appearance at the RNLAf's Open Dagen airshow at Leeuwarden June 10-11.

The Netherlands currently has four pilots and 27 maintainers, and its cadre will grow substantially over the next three years as the Netherlands prepares for 37 aircraft to be permanently based, starting with Leeuwarden in 2019 and Volkel Air Base in 2021.

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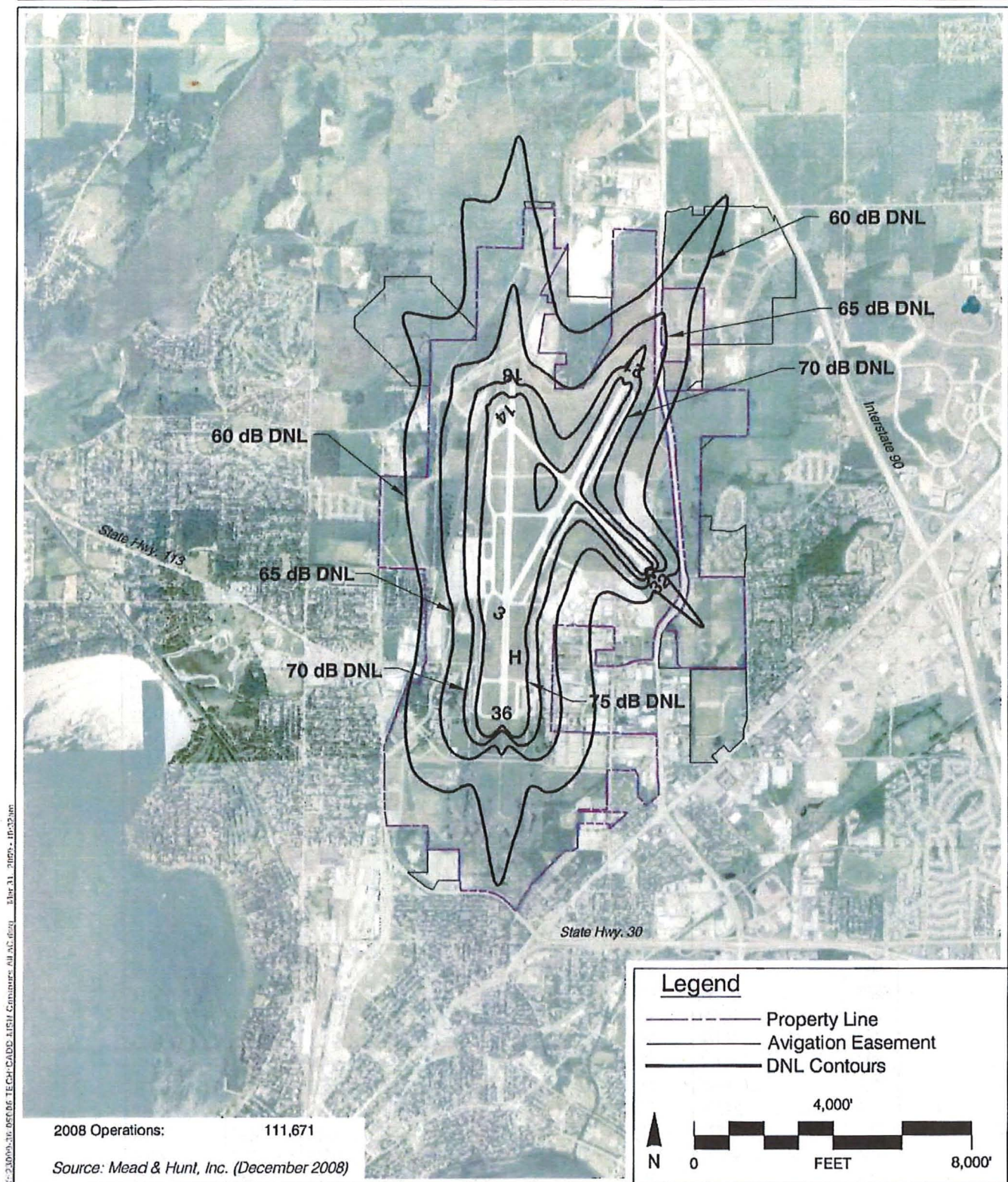


Exhibit 9

2008 Noise Contours - All Aircraft with F-16 Afterburner Departures

Dane County Regional Airport

Annual Aircraft Operations

YEAR	COMMERCIAL	GENERAL AVIATION			MILITARY			COMBINED TOTALS
	AIR CARRIERS	Local	Itinerant	Total	Local	Itinerant	Total	
1952	13,539	2,285	9,935	12,220	8,958	20,523	29,481	55,240
1975	24,611	88,491	89,191	155,682	13,454	9,693	23,147	203,440
1976	25,383	90,626	79,294	169,920	11,249	8,242	19,491	214,794
1977	27,066	84,963	70,730	155,693	8,293	7,382	15,655	198,414
1978	22,534	99,993	84,077	184,070	14,736	8,793	23,529	230,133
1979	22,904	100,715	87,360	188,075	13,428	8,348	21,776	232,755
1980	21,680	90,431	82,263	172,694	9,692	7,753	17,445	211,811
1981	18,134	68,347	80,994	149,341	6,755	7,957	14,712	182,187
1982	21,247	42,327	85,468	107,793	7,407	6,851	14,258	143,298
1983	21,695	47,305	63,360	110,665	8,122	6,976	15,098	147,458
1984	25,485	43,574	61,730	105,304	5,476	6,619	12,095	142,884
1985	32,820	48,483	55,443	103,926	8,291	7,580	15,871	152,817
1986	34,383	52,488	58,702	111,190	6,852	7,737	14,589	160,162
1987	29,294	47,021	57,174	104,195	6,650	7,184	12,834	146,323
1988	29,534	47,684	55,998	103,662	6,768	7,785	14,553	147,749
1989	29,159	48,472	58,270	106,742	5,218	8,812	14,030	149,931
1990	30,816	47,540	57,023	104,563	4,722	8,870	13,592	148,971
1991	30,137	43,852	51,474	95,326	3,002	7,598	10,600	136,063
1992	33,209	48,346	49,938	98,284	2,924	6,902	9,826	141,319
1993	32,430	51,052	48,944	99,996	3,296	7,874	11,170	143,596
1994	29,898	61,818	56,840	118,458	3,142	6,425	9,567	157,921
1995	29,614	52,299	55,428	107,725	2,368	6,611	8,979	146,318
1996	31,466	60,487	54,447	114,904	2,858	6,044	8,700	155,060
1997	32,287	51,104	54,874	105,978	2,343	4,898	7,239	145,504
1998	33,637	46,981	58,615	103,576	2,273	5,226	7,499	144,712
1999	35,932	41,917	58,288	100,185	2,939	5,102	8,041	144,168
2000	36,829	27,705	55,377	83,082	1,734	4,098	5,832	125,743
2001	40,086	29,287	52,681	81,958	1,715	4,796	6,511	128,555
2002	43,860	28,198	50,874	78,870	1,901	4,877	6,778	129,498
2003	42,010	33,096	50,016	83,112	2,082	4,286	6,368	131,490
2004	41,967	32,620	47,876	80,495	2,281	4,920	7,211	129,673
2005	39,528	25,442	43,180	68,632	2,330	5,328	7,658	115,818
2006	39,034	25,960	42,489	68,449	2,865	5,285	8,130	115,613
2007	39,768	31,251	39,927	71,178	4,112	4,702	8,814	119,760
2008	37,309	29,195	95,416	64,611	4,425	4,789	9,214	111,134
2009	32,790	29,134	25,804	54,938	4,926	4,048	8,972	96,700
2010	32,172	24,651	30,422	55,073	3,886	5,074	8,960	96,205
2011	32,587	17,302	28,328	45,630	1,022	4,024	5,046	83,283
2012	31,432	16,288	29,054	45,342	953	5,050	6,003	82,777
2013	34,108	17,807	27,882	45,689	561	4,504	5,065	84,860
2014	32,877	13,000	28,546	41,546	395	4,298	4,893	79,116
2015	29,520	14,182	29,592	43,774	466	4,236	4,702	77,998
2016	30,182	15,098	30,762	45,860	342	5,039	5,381	81,403
2017	30,552	18,239	31,030	49,269	230	3,488	3,718	83,539
2018	34,083	17,788	30,407	46,195	266	5,034	5,300	87,578

From: Julianna Shaull <julianna.shaull@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: resolution 57364

Your Honor, greetings and thank you for your considerations about this matter. I am opposed to having F35 fighter jets be sited in our town. This is not NIMBY issue. It is protection of those who have no recourse, once these jets would claim the sky and poison the water and earth.

Madison is a community that cares for its residents. Fighter jets already have contaminated our well water, and those responsible have done nothing. More toxic pollutants would result from the stepping up of this activity. Science tells us that the much greater noise would have lasting negative impacts on the physical and mental health of children, the aged, and sensitive citizens of our city who live, work, and go to school in this area.

We should not let our neighborhoods of affordable housing be made unsafe for the most sensitive, and undesirable for others to live in. Although the Air Force claims property values would fall only 5 %, who would want to buy or rent in that area, once these much-noisier jets come? Even if some of these struggling homeowners would be paid for their homes, where would they find other housing in Madison? Even if a home is sound-insulated (and we can't count on any agency doing that), what about the other homes fifty feet farther away, who will still be strongly affected when the weather makes the jets take off in a different direction? And nature is important to humans. What would protect people's enjoyment of yards and sidewalks and schoolyards if these shocking sounds become commonplace?

Another issue is that we don't want our young people to be trained to, possibly, deliver nuclear warheads, and first strike at that. Learning to ignore one's affect on the world is bad for our young people, or anyone.

Your Honor, please consider seeing this as a City of Madison issue. Please help us remain the great good place we are, and hope more and more to be. We need green jobs, not eco-toxic jobs, for Madison! Thank you.

Julianna Shaull 3608 Gregory St. Madison, WI 53711

From: bconner44 <bconner44@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Truax field Jets

Born on the east side of Madison now almost 70. The Jets were there before I was. served with Truax Air National Guard during Vietnam. The Jets in the old days were breaking the sound barrier multiple times a day, so things have improved immensely. You cannot have someone protect you and then shackle them in the process. The Denver Airport was moved because of the noise issue and now suburbs have built around the new one. and they are complaining again. You cannot have it both ways. Truax has been instrumental for decades in the safety of the Midwest and should continue to be.

Bob Conner

From: Allison Dungan <dungan.allison@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:26 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Joe Muellenberg
Subject: No - F35s

To: City of Madison Alders and Mayor
From: Allison Dungan and Joe Muellenberg, 2761 Union St, Madison, WI 53704

I am in support of a Thriving, Inclusive, and Innovative city of Madison - I do not believe an expansion of military flights at Truax field to include F35's is in alignment with those values of the city. Furthermore; while it may not be a decision for the City to make I believe that it is imperative that we tell the air force about the way in which the proposal is or is not in alignment with City values. In addition to living within the City and in an area in the flight path, I also work for the City. While I am writing this email as a citizen it is true that I bring feelings to my opinions based on my service as an employee. I have done the surveys and put in the time to learn about Racial Equity and Social Justice initiative, to learn about performance management and strategic planning, to think about equity in contracting and sustainability in budgeting. Nothing about expanding flights seems to be in alignment with those city values. We were asked to imagine Madison as inclusive, innovative and thriving - how does the expansion to include F35s hold up?

Land-use and transportation: I have not seen anything to indicate that the increase will benefit land-use or transportation. The no action alternative will still get aviation support at the airport. There are some bike paths in the area and I would guess the noise would decrease folx wanting to use those paths. I would guess that it would negatively impact development growth in the area along some major existing transportation infrastructure.

Neighborhoods and Housing: This is certainly not a winning proposal for the Northside neighborhoods nor for housing. The EIS shows this location as the option where the most people would be displaced. I would guess that count is low based on the number of people who are doubled or tripled up in housing in the impacted area but are not on leases. As was reported at the Public Meeting on September 12th the folx living in the trailer homes won't even qualify for noise abatement support because their residencies are not considered permanent. Many Alders and the Mayor ran on a platform for addressing housing shortages. This seems counter to the comp plan strategies and to those promises. I won't go on - this is a no brainer. We can't afford to lose this housing stock but you know who really can't afford it? The people living in those houses.

Economy and opportunity : The EIS shows that new jobs that will be created are military jobs. This will not create long term new jobs for Madisonians. Several business owners presented comments that the increased noise would hurt their businesses in the area. I understand what the airforce gains from this. It is unclear to me how this would help Madison's economy. I would guess that property values would decrease in the area to the tune of significant loss in tax revenue. I don't understand why we are not talking about this. Our services - the ones like housing all those folks who will be displaced and testing the wells that may be contaminated run off of tax revenue. This is a lose lose for us as far as I can tell.

Culture and Character: Madison is known as being a desirable place to live. The lakes, the markets, the friendly people, the art, it's all so wonderful. I personally love the culture of a bloody on the tip top patio on a Saturday morning! You know what would not make it better? Loud fighter jets that remind me that we might be storing nuclear weapons, potentially making us a target for a terrorist attack.

Green and Resilient: Jets consume fossil fuels - lots of them. This is neither green nor resilient. Noise disturbs people and animals in ways that we do not fully understand the health risks of. We have wells that are currently contaminated with pfas. This also seems like a no brainer so I won't go on.

Effective government : This is the part where I am going to do my best to tow the line of staff person and citizen. I will be frustrated by going to work and doing my best to create a Madison that is inclusive, innovative, and thriving. To uphold the values of the comp plan and the city that we imagined. To work on my NRT on Madison's Northside to support residents who are dealing with housing shortage. It will be frustrating to do so if the city does not tell the Airforce about the ways that this proposal does not jive with our plans. This seems ineffective. Maybe its just me. Why do the plan if not?

Recently I was listening to an interview. The interviewer asked about this idea we have as Americans that if we question our government then we are some how unpatriotic or don't love out county. But if we love our Country isn't that exactly what we should do? Ta nehisi Coates put it this way " You have to love your country the way you love your friends, the way your spouse loves you, right? The people who love you don't blow smoke up your backside. They don't do that. They tell you hard truths. They love you, but my wife, if something's going wrong, she's going to tell me. Something's going wrong, I'm gonna tell her. That's the nature of the relationship. Don't mean I don't back her; don't mean I don't support her. But when is love between individuals this kind of uncompromising never-questioning? That ain't no love."

I love being a part of this City and this Country. I think we can support the US, and be proud of the military while also be honest about the ways that the relationship may not feel mutually beneficial or good to us. This is not about being for or against the Military or not loving my Country. This expansion does not fit with our Vision of Madison - the one that we all created. To not say so, even if the decision is ultimately not up to the Mayor or City staff would be to blow smoke up the back sides of all the people who believed your campaign promises and believed the plan they were asked to create.

Thanks for taking this into consideration as you move forward in considering this proposal.

Allison Dungan

From: Susan Shepanek <susan.shepanek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Susan Shepanek. My opposition to F35 fighter jets

Dear city alders, city council: As you discuss the issue this evening, please know that I am opposed to this proposed Truax national guard installation, because I don't want its negative quality of life economic and environmental impacts upon housing, rental housing, health, and the wellbeing of wildlife society. All of these impacts do NOT outweigh the speculated benefits.

Thank you.

Susan Shepanek
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Madison, WI. 53703
608-515-2993.

Veldran, Lisa

From: bette g <cocolatted@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing beddown of F35s at Truax
Attachments: B8FF0B39-1E80-4E43-B6AC-C56B1B19A0CE.jpeg

Please see our attached letter.

September 17, 2019

To Madison Alders:

We live east of Olbrich Gardens and have experienced the twice daily Monday thru Friday take-offs by the F-16s since they began in 1993. Almost every weekday around 9 am and again around 1 pm, four F-16s sequentially fly over our house generating significant disruptive noise.

We agree with Representative Pocan's statement in his September 17 letter to Acting Air Force Secretary Donovan: "As I hear from more members of the community, it has been brought to my attention that the noise impact is difficult to assess due to the Air Force's use of the Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL) metric." This is the noise averaged over 24-hours including all commercial flights. But the noise from each incident is predicted to sound four times louder to the human ear than the current F-16s. The EIS states the "change in the noise environment associated with the proposed action would be considered significant in the area surrounding the airfield." Noise will increase in frequency as well: the Air Force plans 2,290 additional flights of F-35s compared to the existing operation.

Please note EIS noise contour map only goes south to the Commercial Avenue area yet current noise impacts already extend further south on Madison's east side to at least Buckeye Road.

The significant increased noise, both in terms of intensity and frequency, would impact much of the greater east and north sides of the city with disproportionate impacts to low income and minority populations living closest to the airfield and the flight paths.

Please send a message to the U.S. Air Force by supporting the Resolution stating *the Madison Common Council does not support the selection of Truax Field as a preferred location for the F-35s.*

Sincerely,

Beth and Rick Godfrey

Veldran, Lisa

From: Dan Kaplan <dmkkaplan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:34 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: NO F35

Hello,

My name is dan Kaplan and my family lives at 2806 oakridge Ave on the east side. Please, please stop the f35s from coming to truax field. The noise pollution from the jets will make some peoples homes unlivable and will have the worst impact on some of Madison's most in-need communities. It is absolutely unacceptable for the council and the mayor to not do everything they can to stop this.

Thank you,
Dan

Sent from my iPhone

From: Gregory Gelembiuk <gwgelemb@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

Dear Alders,

I thought I'd add my voice to those urging you to support the original F-35 resolution, and not the alternate.

I say this for two reasons:

1. I'm an east-side resident and will be impacted by the noise. I realize that if you're a west-side alder, you might not be familiar with the effect of aircraft noise on quality of life, but even now, this is not an inconsiderable problem, and the F-35s will make this far worse.
2. I do not favor basing any nuclear-capable weapon delivery system in Madison. Please follow the lead of the Burlington City Council, which, with respect to F-35s, last month voted unanimously in favor of a resolution that opposed the basing of any nuclear-capable weapon delivery system in Burlington.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Gelembiuk

From: Ken Opin <ken.opin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Kemble's F-35 Resolution

Dear Council Members

Please support the resolution authored by Alders Kemble, Rummel, and Thornton, calling on the Army to take the f-35s somewhere that wants them.

The F-35s will make 1000 homes unlivable and many, many more will be affected by noxious noise that is somehow supposed to be able to be lived with. Basing F-35s in Madison will adversely affect low income and people of color way out of proportion to their position in our community.

The proponents claim that for the overwhelming majority of us, the F-35s will not negatively affect our lives. If the F-35s arrive, and the proponents are wrong, do they have a way to make them go away? We don't think so.

So please support the Resolution!

Ken Opin and Jan Silvers

71 Golf Pkwy

Madison 53704

From: Julianna Shaull <julianna.shaull@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution against siting of F-35s here

Alders of the Common Council, greetings and thank you for your considerations about this matter. I am opposed to having F35 fighter jets be sited in Madison. There are so many reasons why we must protect our citizens, our water, our land, and our air.

Madison is a community that cares for its residents. Fighter jets already have contaminated our well water, and those responsible have done nothing. More toxic pollutants would result from the stepping up of this activity.

Science tells us that the much greater noise that much more activity of much noisier jets would have lasting negative impacts on the physical and mental health of children, the aged, and sensitive citizens of our city who live, work, and go to school in the affected areas. We should not let our neighborhoods of affordable housing be made unsafe for the most sensitive, and undesirable for others to live in.

It is sad to think that those who have the least resources would bear the brunt of the negative effects. Although the Air Force claims property values would fall only 5 %, who would want to buy or rent in that area, once these much-noisier jets come? Even if affected homeowners would be paid for their homes, where would they find affordable houses to buy or rent in Madison? Even if a house is sound-insulated (and we can't count on any agency doing that), what about the other homes fifty feet farther away, which will still be just out of range, but still strongly affected? Also, it seems cruel to say that a sound-insulation home makes it all wonderful. How would any of us like it if we could no longer feel able to open windows -- play or relax out back -- walk to the store -- play on the school yard? These jets need to be sited far from human neighborhoods (or farm animals, who can't get away from the sounds and are giving less milk, having miscarriages, and so on). The jets would seriously undercut the standard of well-being for so many people who would have no say and no recourse.

Sadly, we now know that we might be the recipient of nuclear warheads to be delivered by our Air National Guardspeople as a nuclear fist strike. Do we want our young people to learn to drop nuclear bombs? What we want is not jobs that pollute, endanger, and create stress and illness and threat. We need green jobs, jobs that build community, jobs that train our young people to be conscientious citizens of the world.

Please help our wonderful, resilient, but still vulnerable community wisely turn its back on this offer. Thank you.
Julianna Shaull 3608 Gregory St. Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Patricia Hammel <attyhammel@herricklaw.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Alder Rummel, Foster, Kemble Heck and Evers resolution against the F-35 siting at Truax Field

Hello, I live at 1424 Jenifer Street on the eastside of Madison, also shop on the northside and visit the parks on the northside of Madison. I am a downtown business (law firm) owner.

I am a 45 year resident of Madison, my children attended East and Shabazz High Schools and my daughter is currently attending MATC/Madison College.

I oppose siting the F-35s in Madison, question the effects it will have on people living nearby, and whether this is the type of development we want in Madison.

There are other ways to promote economic development without destroying the property values and quality of life of Madison residents, and feeding the war economy.

I urge you to support the resolution against locating the F-35s here.

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From: Ashley Lendborg <ashleylendborg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Truax F-35's

I support Truax Field and the proposed F-35 jets!

Truax Field makes Madison, Madison. They are just as much of Madison as is the flamingos, farmers market, capitol, university...I could go on with what makes Madison, Madison.

Ashley Lendborg

From: Carl Sack <northlandiguana@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:49 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Oppose F-35s

Dear Alders and Mayor,

My wife and I lived on Milwaukee Street in Madison, near the Metro East Transfer Point, until 2017, when we moved to Duluth for work. We still own our house there and use it to provide well below-market affordable housing for a responsible tenant.

While we lived on Milwaukee Street, we had chickens which our then-toddler liked to run around and chase in the backyard. We spent a lot of time outside every day. There were several great things about living there, but one of the worst was the overhead noise of the F-16s flying sometimes 4-5 times per day from Truax Field. You had to stop all conversation and hold your hands over your ears if you were outside when they flew over.

Now I'm told Madison is considering hosting the new F-35s, and those are up to FOUR TIMES as loud and will fly MUCH more frequently. If this happens, I'll be really glad we moved, because I would not be able to allow my children to play outside in our wonderful yard or anywhere else in the neighborhood. Allowing these boondoggle planes will render large swaths of the East Side uninhabitable--and our property unsalable.

This directly concerns us because we may eventually want to move back to town to take care of our aging parents. It means we would either have to live in a sonic hellscape or take a huge financial hit to move elsewhere.

Madison has been great to its neighborhoods over the years. But the East Side needs work as it is, and many of the residents are lower income folks. Please do not give a large swath of the city gangrene by accepting these monstrous war machines. Please vote to oppose the F-35s in Madison.

Sincerely,
-Carl M. Lemke Oliver Sack

From: Melina L Lozano <mllozano@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:50 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: NO F35s

Hi, my name is Melina Lozano and I have been living on the east side of Madison for decades and working at Hawthorne Elementary for seven years.

I want to make the impact of the F-35 clear. With the F-35, everyone in the school building would totally be able to hear the jets through the windows because we don't have air conditioning and must open the windows. We all have to stop and wait if we are giving a lesson and an F-16 goes by. It's too intrusive into the health and lives of the people of the north-east side of Madison to passively allow the F-35 expansion. We can't allow this project to go forward.

For the last 14 years I have lived off of Atwood Ave. where planes fly overhead all day long, and where we also hear the F-16s, which of course drown out any conversation or music you have playing. They send up 5 at a every day, and these loud planes come and go and do exercises and the spectacle goes on seemingly forever. And when they get close you have to cover your ears it's so loud. And it sounds so military. They look so military. And what are they preparing for?

At Hawthorne Elementary, behind Pedros and about a mile from the airport, and at other schools, like O'Keefe, Emerson, Kennedy, Lowell, according to teachers we know, many of the children have already been traumatized by poverty and immigration issues; we are people of color, and on top of it all we have experienced these F-16s flying overhead every day at recess, which again, is practically deafening already. At my school, some students are autistic or have other learning disabilities triggered by distractions such as noise. And every day we already have to compete with these fighter jets and their missions just to get through a lesson. Imagine how the students feel.

Now, to think, that there might be a much WORSE fighter jet situation, four times LOUDER noise, MORE exhaust from aircraft, MORE chemicals used at the airport, so much so that hundreds of people, including families who live on the school I work at, possibly including my boyfriend of the last four years, who lives on the border of the danger zone, in the high decibel level zone, might have to move or suffer the effects of these jets, just to think about it all makes me sick. And to think that thousands of us who live on the east side, will be negatively impacted like this, and our homes will lose value -- it's so unfair. Why are we being punished?

Our taxes have gone to pay for this project for 25 years and will for 25 years to come. I pay high taxes, yet still I'm just outside the highest decibel zone, so there will be no abatement for my home, nor for thousands of others. And if these F-35s can carry nuclear warheads, it's possible that this could make Madison into a target. We have to contact our representatives and say loud and clear that the Air National Guard needs to stay out of Madison. We have to let them know on the Madison City Council, Dane County Board, State Senate and Assembly, and the US Senate and Legislature that we will not let this expansion of the Dane County Regional Airport ruin the east side of Madison; we will not sit idly by and allow east Madison to be taken advantage of and devalued like this.

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From: Jeff Moll <JMoll@Konopcompanies.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:22 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com; Nate Moll; Ross Moll; Ryan Moll; Susan Moll; Gregg Steinhauer
Subject: Truax Field F-35 Support

Hello Alders,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax Field – Madison, WI. The 115th Fighter Wing is truly one of the best Air Guard units in our great country. The motto that expresses it best is “Jet Noise---The sound of Freedom”!

Opposition to the F-35’s flying over Wisconsin and specifically in the Madison area reminds me of NIMBY—Not In My Back Yard. If you value the freedom that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces provide—why not support them in your home town. All aircraft generate sound—this should never be a reason to shut down a First Class operation like the 115th Fighter Wing.

The economic impact alone should overwhelmingly gain the support of government officials such as yourselves. High quality people, family supporting jobs, and true patriotic individuals are not available just anywhere. You are fortunate to have the 115th Fighter Wing and that is not to be taken for granted. What type of business or industry would replace a military unit of this caliber?

I was fortunate to serve at Truax Field with some of the Air Forces best and brightest leaders, technicians, and comrades from 1979 to 2002. Many changes occurred in that 23 year timeframe and were handled with the Motto of “Dedicated to Excellence”. A culture of men and women that have been entrusted to protect our great republic, and have pledged their lives to that mission deserve your support. I have three sons that are serving in the Air Guard (2 in Wisconsin, 1 in Michigan that started at Truax) and they are all combat veterans. A Pilot, a Firefighter, and a Crewchief (F-16) that would take a bullet for this country and anyone of you alders. Their comrades would do the same. Try to measure that when complaining of “The Sound of Freedom”!

Sincerely,

MSGT. Moll, Jeffrey A. (Retired)
115th Fighter Wing

From: Stacy Haviland <stacycork@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

I am opposed to your resolution of the F35. I support the 115 Fighter wing, the safety it brings our community, along with the many jobs and economic stimulus it provides. Without the F35, this fighter wing will dissolve. Please reconsider for our community,
Stacy Haviland

From: David Arnold <davidarnold715@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:44 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 support

I would like to add a letter requesting that the council Does Not pass the resolution of NON support for allowed Truax to take possession of the F35.

I live in the flight line of the North/South runway. Yes, I hear the jets when they take off and land. However, I understand the greater good the Air Guard F35 provides to the Madison area. This is in terms of both safety as well as all the financial benefits it brings to the area. We all hear the F16s, now please let us hear the newest addition to Truax which may sound a bit different.

I hear much more commercial aircraft than I did 10 years ago. But, I don't hear people petitioning to reduce the number flights in an out of Madison.

The Air Guard competed for this, and we as a community deserve this. I urge Madison not to stand in the way of this honor.

I SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF THE F35 AT TRUAX.

I would encourage you to look at all take a position supporting the acquisition of F35s to Truax.

Thank you for your service.

Dave Arnold
608-698-7559

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: steve silverberg <lcheese@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I object to the sitting of F-35s at Truax for noise reasons.

Regards,
Steve Silverberg
1147 Rutledge street

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Alan Ramsey <alramsey1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Dear Alders:

Please count me as another Madisonian against the F-35s.

Thank you,
Alan Ramsey

From: Laura Scott 5814 Michalski <scottdog312@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support For the F-35 basing and full support also for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I positively support
F-35 basing and fully support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission

I feel a strong duty to maintain military readiness in this region of the USA, including protecting the Great Lakes,
water-way, locks and fresh water.

Laura Michalski
Cottage Grove, WI

From: Tony Zuccaro <737triguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 at Truax

Please support the placement of the F35 fighter at 115th Fighter Wing . The 70 year tradition should continue and as a Pilot and Wisconsin resident I fully support the placement of not only the aircraft but the fine young women and men who support its operation in our fine state. Thank you. Sincerely, Anthony Zuccaro.

From: Nathan West <nathan.scott.west@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:49 PM
To: Dad
Cc: KATIE BUG; All Alders
Subject: Re: We support the F-35 Mission!

Madison Alders,

The ANG and the people of Wisconsin will only benefit from this opportunity.

Respectfully,

Nathan S. West
CPT, SC

On Tue, Sep 17, 2019, 12:03 kevinwest1874 <kevinwest1874@att.net> wrote:

I agree with Katelyn West. This is such a big opportunity for the community!

I am retired from the Air Force, from Wisconsin and i can attest to what this opportunity brings!!!

1. \$\$\$\$ looking at billions, not millions
2. A group of disciplined citizens who love contributing to the communities
3. Wonderful moral, value and principled centered people!!! Not just their money. Their skills, education, love and commitment!!!

I am 62 years old with over 35 years of military & public service. I love Wisconsin and the Sun Prairie area!

Please allow this to happen for my children and grandchildren and so many more!

You will never regret allowing this to take place! I support the F-35 Mission and the 115th Fighter Wing and the contributions they bring!

Sincerely,

KEVIN S. WEST
SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
601-649-8259

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

----- Original message -----

From: Katelyn West <katelyn.l.west@gmail.com>
Date: 9/16/19 9:31 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: allalders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: We support the F-35 Mission!

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my unwavering support for the F-35s and the incredible revenue they will bring to Madison and the surrounding communities. The opposing resolution not only hurts our local economy, but it goes against the one thing we should all be unified in- supporting our troops and the defense of this nation. Especially following remembrance of September 11, 2001, it should be fresh in our minds what the enemies of America are capable of and the importance in have a strong military and unwavering civilian support of our troops.

We support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission!!!

Respectfully,

Katelyn West

katelyn.l.west@gmail.com

608-770-1377

From: Charles Klink <wagonlicious@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:14 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support Truax Field, the 115th Fighter Wing, and bring F-35s to Madison

Alders,

As a resident of Madison and its surrounding communities for over 20 years, including having lived in a two apartment minutes from Truax Field over ten of those years, and having bought my forever home under the flight paths of those fighters, I would like to voice my support for bringing F-35s to Madison.

It's a shame that you are even considering turning your backs on Truax Field because of noise. That field predates most folks who live near it, and none can claim that they didn't know it would be loud living there. And frankly, to claim poverty regarding property values on houses that are affordable *because* the Field is there is ridiculous.

Please consider the economic value and the pride the fighter wing and that Field bring to Madisonians and to others in Dane County. And if I may be so selfish, I would very much like to continue to go to the VFW Post on the hill with my young son who loves watching the fighters come and go. It would be a shame to lose that Madison heritage.

Sincerely,

Chuck Klink

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sam Breidenbach <sam@tdscustomconstruction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's at Truax

As a business owner and resident of Madison I support the Council resolution lead by Foster/Kemble opposing the F-35s .

Thank you

Sam Breidenbach
President

TDS Custom Construction

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www.tdscustomconstruction.com

From: Wegleitner, Heidi <Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:52 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Stand Up for Madison Residents and Oppose F-35s

Dear Honorable Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I appreciate the diligence of many council members and city staff in studying the draft EIS. As Rep. Pocan and Mayor Rhodes-Conway have recognized in recent statements on the proposed F-35 Beddown, the draft EIS leaves many unanswered questions. That said, the draft EIS analysis provides more than enough information for you to firmly state your opposition to the proposed action of the F-35 Beddown at Truax Airfield. **I write in support of the substitute resolution language drafted by Alders Foster and Kemble which stands up for the residents most impacted by the F-35 Beddown and explicitly opposes the proposed F-35 Beddown.**

The draft EIS executive summary table states: "Environmental Justice and the Protection of Children: Installation-- **There would be significant disproportionate impacts to low-income and minority populations as well as children.** The increase in noise exposure to the south of the airport would disproportionately impact low income areas and the increase in noise exposure to the east of the airport would disproportionately impact a low-income minority population. In addition, the Proposed Action could disproportionately impact children." The City analysis correctly observes that these disproportionate impacts are understated.

Why is that not enough for you to state your opposition to the F-35 Beddown? It should be more than enough. It has motivated my county board colleagues representing northside residents to introduce a resolution later this week to oppose the F-35s, which I will co-sponsor. At the top of every County Board meeting agenda, we list questions designed to elicit equity considerations in our deliberations. **Who benefits? Who is burdened? Who does not have a voice at the table? How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?** If our Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative work is to mean anything, we must use our power and privilege to vigorously oppose these planned harms to people of color, people with low-incomes, and children, including the children with disabilities at the nearby Richardson School (who will experience even more significant noise events per day).

I spent 9 hours today (like every Tuesday) with people facing eviction and desperately trying to protect their housing. In my 13+ years representing tenants, I have represented residents in CDA public housing and residents in the mobile home park by the airport. I give my all to protect their housing because I know that the loss of their current housing almost certainly means homelessness. Please do **not** assume that many of these northside residents have anything close to fair housing choice. We should be doing everything we can to protect their current housing, improve the conditions in low income housing, and expand tenant choice and opportunity in housing. The F-35 Beddown does the opposite.

In addition to running counter to our RESJI objectives, the F-35 Beddown is also directly adverse to our efforts to combat the climate crisis by reducing vehicle emissions. Did you know the draft EIS states "the annual airfield CO2e emissions would increase by approximately 12,478 tons or 135 percent. This is equivalent to adding an additional 2,438 passenger vehicles onto roads, driving 11,500 miles per year on average." If you do not actively oppose this, you are enabling one of the largest climate polluters in history. Based on its liquid fuel purchases alone, the U.S. Military would be ranked 47th in the world if it were a country.

Given the significant harm from unsafe noise levels to Madison residents, the grotesque national spending on the F-35 boondoggle (\$1.5 Trillion) as reported by John Nichols in today's Cap Times, the unknown and known impact of greenhouse gases and chemical pollutants from the Air National Guard now and with the stealth technology of the F-

35s, and the very marginal economic impact stated in the draft EIS, I urge you to **vote for the substitute proposed that explicitly opposes the F-35 Beddown.**

Let's work together to create equitable and sustainable economic development. Let's work together to create new safe, efficient, and affordable housing units. Let's work on a local Green New Deal to address the climate crisis and economic and racial inequities. Reject the F-35s and stand up for Madison and our collective future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heidi Wegleitner

Heidi M. Wegleitner
Dane County Supervisor, District 2
608-333-3676

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nick Topitzes <ntopitzes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Why you need to support F35

This brings high tech jobs to Madison. A jet is an extremely sophisticated collection of systems. Electronic and communications skills are vital. It is like saying we don't want Epic for goodness sake. Think of the military police that can complement our police, the fire crews that support the entire airport, the support for the cost of plowing and runway maintenance. Over 1000 jobs. And no afterburner noise.

Don't use this as a form of blackmail for a few people who want abatement money.

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Vicki E <vle13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:02 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for F-35s

Hi. I am writing to you today to

(1) To Oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing!!!

(2) To reinforce my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I am in full support of the new jets. I live on the Eastside and love watching and hearing the jets fly!!! It boosts our economy and brings jobs and a sense of security and freedom. Please consider this as my FULL SUPPORT for the F-35 jets coming to Madison!!!

Thank you!

Vicki Cushman
Sent from my iPhone

From: Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Docs show F-35 afterburners use may be higher than publicly predicted

Docs show F-35 afterburners use may be higher than publicly predicted

By [Jasper Craven](#) [Aug 29 2019](#)

<https://vtdigger.org/2019/08/29/docs-show-f-35-afterburners-use-may-be-higher-than-publicly-predicted/?fbclid=IwAR2i09B3WmYNkWIUkGHYJyBdzWGFkWqLZZjBFN0BIDoGV5WqQjNIFITilk>

"In the eyes of many who oppose the F-35, the Vermont Air National Guard's original sin came during the era of the F-16, when pilots began frequently implementing afterburners, which are essentially auxiliary jets that increase thrust — and noise — on takeoff.

There was no environmental impact statement or in-depth public debate about the use of afterburners for the F-16, and some residents felt the military had snookered them.

So when the prospect of the [F-35s coming to the Burlington International Airport](#) was raised, community members quickly raised the question of how often this new fleet would take off with afterburners.

"Documents obtained by VTDigger reveal that the Air Force is internally predicting that, at other bases hosting the F-35, afterburners might be used as much as 10 times more frequently than they originally publicly predicted. The Vermont National Guard, however, says that they still plan to use the boosters in a limited way.

A local activist plans to challenge that claim in court.

Originally, the Vermont Air National Guard and the Pentagon estimated that the F-35s coming to Vermont starting this fall would rarely use afterburners. In their detailed 2013 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the military estimated that the planes would use afterburners for roughly 5% of flight operations. This estimate not only influenced the contours of the resulting noise maps, but also the overall decision of whether Vermont was a good fit for the planes.

Across the country, as other communities have been considered to base the planes, the military has plugged in similar afterburner predictions. Yet according to an internal Pentagon document obtained by VTDigger, real afterburner use on the F-35 may be much higher than publicly predicted.

As the Air Force moves forward with environmental impact reviews at other bases, it appears to be counseling officials to calculate afterburner use for at least 50% of all flight operations. The Air Force has already delayed at least one base review by at least four months "due to some discrepancies and concerns over F-35 flight elevation and afterburner usage."

"It's all just a big Charlie Foxtrot," one official involved in this review wrote to colleague in an email, using military slang for a messy situation. This official added that the chaotic situation "could have been addressed over a year ago when we all questioned the validity of only using 5% [afterburner]." He added that this new need to calculate higher afterburner use for the F-35 will "delay or at least complicate" environmental reviews for the plane going forward."

.... Continued.

From: Jesse Pycha-Holst <jesse@solidarityrealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No to F35s.

I support the resolution which expressly disapproves of F35s being stationed in Madison.

I am a realtor in Madison. I have clients who live very close to the border zone of what will be considered incompatible with residential use.

I can assure you that the State of Wisconsin would require me as a realtor to disclose that to any future potential buyer, thus damaging home values. This type of loss of property value will not be abated with sound reduction measures.

Who will compensate those people? My clients are retired. Their life savings is wrapped up in their home. Their home is almost exactly on the red line shown in the EIS map.

What if they don't qualify for sound reduction funding because their house is 50 ft in one direction? Will that 50 ft matter to them or future buyers?

Is a few dozen permanent jobs worth ruining the lives of so many people?

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Price <dprigs19@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:28 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Approve F-35 basing by opposing the resolution....

Our family is in support of the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. Our community and the future of our kids needs them here!

Dave Price Family

From: Nancy Thayer-Hart <nthayerhart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:19 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35-A Nonsupport Resolution

Dear Madison Common Council:

I applaud and support a resolution of nonsupport for Truax Field as a preferred location for the beddown of F-35A aircraft.

The men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing perform important and valuable service, in multiple capacities, to the City of Madison, to Dane County, to the State of Wisconsin, and to our country. They are our neighbors, our colleagues, our friends, our family, and I believe the resolution would be strengthened by acknowledging their important contributions to our community.

In the proposed resolution, the meaning of the second "Be it further resolved" paragraph is not clear. It reads as if it is asking the Air National Guard to look more favorably on Truax than it currently does unless it can be shown that what the EIS says about the environmental impact on Madison is inaccurate. I hope this paragraph can be clarified in the final resolution.

At the public meeting about the beddown last Thursday at the Alliant Center, I learned that many people assume that if the F-35s do not come to Madison, the 115th Fighter Wing will disappear, and that fear seems to be a major source of support for promoting Truax Field as an appropriate location for the F-35s. There are many reasons why the wing's current mission with the F-16 aircraft will continue to be a necessary component of our national defense strategy for the foreseeable future. As noted in an online article (see <https://militarymachine.com/f-35-vs-f-16/>), in comparison to the F-35:

- The F-16 has superior close-range capacities.
- The F-16 is 300 mph faster.
- The F16 can fly longer without refueling.
- The manufacturer of the engine that powers the majority of F-16s considers it the safest single-engine powerplant in U.S. Air Force History.

If any of you are on the fence whether to vote in favor of a nonsupport resolution, please consider a few additional points:

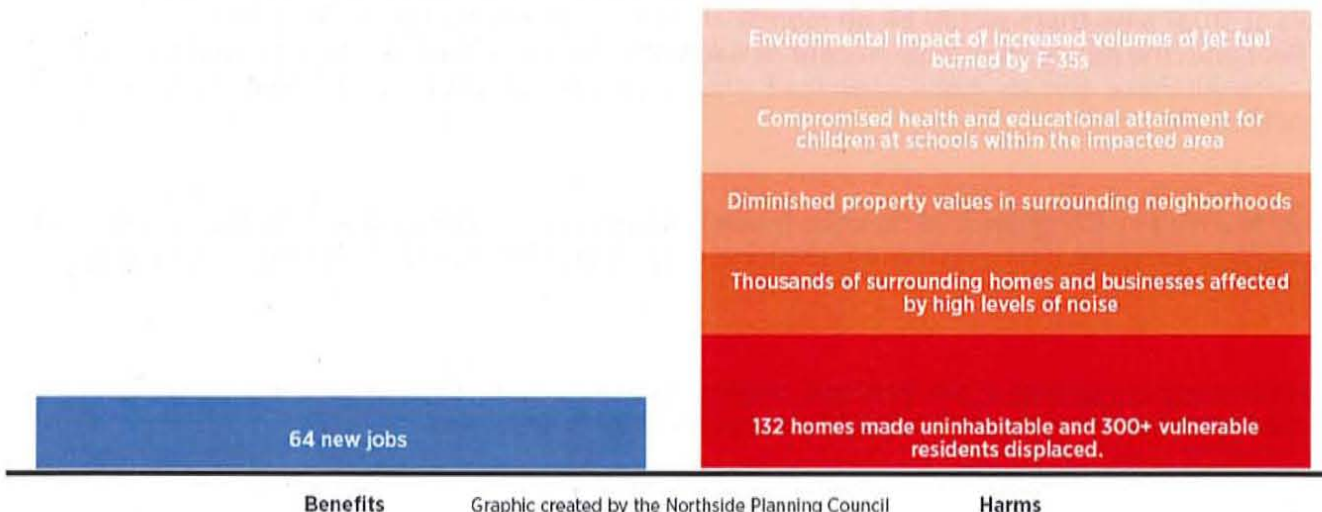
1. The area of impact from the noise of the F-35A, as shown in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), is misleading. According to an aviation expert I spoke with the flight pattern can be 1-2 miles on either side of the runway and the final approach is 3-5 miles from the end of the runway for visual approaches and up to 10 miles for an instrument approach. That means the "impacted area" could easily extend from DeForest to Lake Waubesa and from the Interstate to the capitol.
2. The F35s are louder than F16s (EIS, page WI-29). Visiting F35s have landed and taken off from Truax Field over the past several weeks. Those events were so loud at my home, which is 2.5 miles from the end of the runway and well outside the so-called "impact zone," that continuing a conversation was impossible. That does not occur when F-16s or commercial aircraft fly over us.
3. Basing the F-35A here would increase greenhouse gases (CO2e) emissions at the airfield by 135 percent. This is equivalent to adding to the roads an additional 2,438 passenger vehicles driving 11,500 miles per year each (EIS, page WI-52).
4. Much of what's wonderful about life in Madison happens outdoors. Our three young grandsons from Texas visited us for several weeks this summer and they noted with surprise as we drove around town how many people they saw outside at all times of the day. Do we really want to invite the Air Force to spoil our enjoyment of our beautiful lakes and parks, networks of bike paths, outdoor concerts, and even of our own backyards, with the excessive noise and additional pollution from 18 F-35A fighter jets?

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Thayer-Hart
11 Harbort Drive
Madison, WI 53704

From: Abha Thakkar
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:22 AM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Northside Planning Council opposes F-35s at Truax Field
Attachments: F35BarGraph.jpg

Benefits and Harms of F-35s at Truax Field



"This proposal is projected to create only 64 jobs, while making 132 homes uninhabitable, gutting property values, disrupting the education and development of our children and leaving thousands of people needing to move or bear what the military calls unlivable noise conditions... We call on our elected leaders to have the moral courage to speak out and join us in protecting the well-being of our local economy, environment and, most importantly, our community."

~From the Northside Planning Council position statement on F-35s at Truax

To Mayor Rhodes-Conway and City of Madison Alderpersons:

The Northside Planning Council opposes the placement of F-35s at Truax Field.

NPC's mission is "to improve the quality of life and foster equity on the Northside through community organizing and economic development." As a job creator, a business incubator, and a driver of economic development on the Northside, we know there are countless constructive ways to foster economic development that create prosperity and wellness for everyone. This proposal is antithetical to that mission.

We created the above (or attached) graphic to help capture the benefits and harms of this proposal. It seems clear to us that it will create more harm than good, but we are genuinely curious about what unspoken benefits our City, County and business leaders see that we don't in justifying their support for or silence around this proposal.

We'd like to deconstruct some myths around this issue.

Myth: Truax will close without F-35s and we will lose the 1500+ jobs that the base supports.

In a September 13 Wisconsin State Journal article, "What happens if Truax Field doesn't get the F-35?" Mitchell Schmidt writes: "Ann Stefanek, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Air Force, said it's speculative to assume Truax's mission would be in jeopardy without the F-35s. 'That's a leap, that's making two and three assumptions together,' Stefanek said."

The article continues, "The nearly 1,100-page environmental impact statement [published by the Air Force] on the addition of F-35 jets at Truax says **there would be no significant socioeconomic impacts if the base proceeds with its existing fleet and 'the minor economic benefit of additional based personnel and construction activity would not occur.'**" Per Air Force officials, if and when the F-16s are phased out, the base's mission would likely just be repurposed to other work.

Finally, base closure is a lengthy Congressional process; bases slated for closure can be on the list for more than 10 years without any change. Truax isn't even on that list yet nor is it at risk of being placed on that list, according to official statements.

We are disappointed that the proponents of this proposal continue to use imminent base closure and catastrophic job loss as a scare tactic in this conversation, even after it has been thoroughly debunked.

Myth: Opposing the F-35s is unpatriotic.

We are disturbed at the implication that not supporting the F-35 beddown at Truax is not patriotic. Truax sits in a densely populated area where vulnerable families and children live, and the jets will have dubious economic benefits and very clear harms. At NPC, we strive every day to make this community and our country a safer, healthier, more vibrant place. NPC has spent years on commercial district revitalization in an effort to make our Northside economy stronger and help our businesses thrive. We advocate for vulnerable families, we help coordinate and enhance service delivery while also working to address the systemic root causes of the challenges they face. We care deeply about the welfare of our neighbors and about improving the quality of life in our community, about ensuring that everyone has a level playing field from which to pursue the American Dream. **We believe that to love this country is to care for the people and the communities that make it up.**

We are not in a place to question whether the military needs these planes. But why can't they be located at a more rural base, where the impacts to human beings are minimal? Of the five sites on the short-list for the F-35s, Madison will face the most severe adverse effects.

Myth: The F-35s will contribute substantially to the regional economy.

We support job creation. In fact, **the Northside Planning Council has created over 150 jobs in the last 5 years through FEED Kitchens and MarketReady, while improving the quality of life for our neighbors. This proposal is projected to create only 64 jobs, while making 132 homes uninhabitable, gutting property values, disrupting the education and development of our children and leaving thousands of people needing to move or bear what the military calls unlivable noise conditions.**

Furthermore, it's troubling that no one has done an economic impact assessment of this proposal. What will it do to area businesses - health and wellness providers, financial planners, restaurants - and their workers? What about

future development on tracts of land that will be made uninhabitable (according to the Air Force EIS)? What about the long-term economic loss of children who aren't able to concentrate enough in school to get a solid education, children who are already grappling with adverse experiences, disabilities, and trauma? What about the immediate loss of some of the last affordable homes in a City that is facing a critical housing shortage? What about the instability created for so many working class families who would be displaced and need to rely on local programs to help them find new housing? The economic harms will cost far more than the economic benefit that 64 jobs will bring.

There are countless routes to economic development that are not inherently destructive, that lift us all up together and not at the cost of the most vulnerable people in our community. That is the work NPC does every day. **Economic development should not be a zero sum game, and we should be suspicious of those who tell us that it is.**

Equity

There is often a misunderstanding about the nature of institutional racism. It is insidious and ubiquitous, but is often too subtle for those not impacted to see it. It happens in situations where large, powerful institutions sacrifice the housing, stability, health and opportunity of people of color and low-income residents for economic benefit. **Let us be clear: the unquestioning embrace of this proposal - and the silence around it - is a case of institutional racism.**

Now is the opportunity for our leaders to walk the walk, to make good on those campaign platforms of racial equity, affordable housing and climate change. Here's a chance to make those high-minded ideals real.

Stand up for what's right

NPC is aware that taking this stand is controversial. As a scrappy and often cash-strapped nonprofit, we know there are potential consequences for standing up in the face of institutional power. We risk our financial support from the business community. We risk our City and County funding contracts, and we risk having the door closed and access denied to us on future issues that are central to our efficacy. We know this, and still we speak out. Why? Because we cannot abdicate our mission, vision and values for the Northside.

We call on our elected leaders to have the moral courage to speak out and join us in protecting the well-being of our local economy, environment and, most importantly, our community.

Thank you,
Abha Thakkar

on behalf of the

Northside Planning Council
(608) 230-1221

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carolyn Gantner <carolyn@merr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:37 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Carolyn Gantner
Address: 1526 golf view rd
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: carolyn@merr.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear alders ~ I am opposed to having F-35s based at Truax field and I am in support of the resolution created by alder Kemble and others which is against the F-35s. .
The many harmful effects of the F-35s are unacceptable.
Please - no F-35s in Madison. Thank you.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Robert Wood <Wood137@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:57 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Stop the F35 plane base

General Information

Name: Robert Wood
Address: 125 North Hamilton Street
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53703
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: Wood137@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please make an effort to stop Madison from being duped into providing a base for jet fighter planes!
It would have too negative an impact on too many residents and would be a totally inappropriate placement leading to ongoing dissension by Madison citizens.
Thank you!

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Jeff Thompson <jthompson47@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:12 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35's

I hear these jets flying overhead all the time. The only thing they make me feel is safe! All I can think of is praise the lord for all these brave men and women who undertake these dangerous missions to keep our country safe. The aldermen who wrote up this opposition resolution should be ashamed of themselves. Brave up! Vote against the opposition resolution.

Jeff Thompson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rob Hintz <lionrobhintz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing resolution

Madison Alders,

Please do not vote in opposition of the basing of F-35 fighter jets at Truax field. The current high hour F-16 fighters need to be replaced and the 115th FW needs and deserves the most advanced fighter aircraft available: the F-35 lightning. Thank you Rob Hintz

Sent from my iPhone

From: Parker's email <parker281@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:08 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support of F-35 basing & the 115th Fighter Wing

Dear All Madison Alders,

I am writing this evening to show our opposition to the resolution to oppose F-35 basing at the 115th Fighter Wing. My entire family completely support the 115th Fighter Wing and their F-35 mission. We should all do whatever we can to show our support for the people in our armed forces all day, every day. I think we should all be incredibly proud of the 115th Fighter Wing and their F-35 mission. Instead of opposing we should be saying what can we do to help make this happen.

Sincerely,
Lance and Denise Parker

Sent from my iPhone

From: DAN OLSON <drdolson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Fielding Support

Dear Alders,

Please consider this email as my support for the fielding of the F35 Fighter Jets as a replacement to the existing F16 Fighter Jets at Truax Field. Losing this opportunity will ensure the eventual loss of the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison as the F16 aircraft WILL be retired from service and without a replacement, the Wing goes away, along with it's economic impact. My house is on approach/departure path to runway 36/18 into Truax (502 Evergreen Avenue) and with noise abatement procedures and traffic pattern design, any noise created by the jets is temporary and minimal. Please do not get caught up in the clouding of this issue with other peripheral, unrelated social issues. The airport has existed at the current location for decades. As such, it has been home to a dedicated Air Force population that has served the City and our Nation proudly. Please continue this support for generations to come. As most important decisions are, I know this may be a difficult one. Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Olson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Karice Stern <stern@mep.health>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:20 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 mission

Madison Alders,

I am writing to express my concern about the authored resolution opposing the F-35 mission at Truax. I have been a physician for the WI ANG for 9 years. The 115th Fighter Wing boosts the Madison economy more than the community likely realizes. Every month, hotels in East Madison are filled with airmen from all over the state in town for drill weekend. The 115th Fighter Wing employs several military members and civilians. Without progression to the F-35 mission, the future of the 115th Fighter Wing is in jeopardy.

Please reconsider and support the F-35 mission. The Madison economy depends on it.

Karice Stern, MD, Lt Col
Madison Emergency Physicians
Chief of Aerospace Medicine, WI ANG

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Mark Busch <mark.busch319@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:41 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I support the F-35 coming to Madison. I live on the East side of Madison. I'm about 5 minutes away from the airport.

I do not have a problem with them. They will help create jobs.

-Thank you
- Mark Busch

From: mb swo <mbswo95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:18 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Reject F-35 planes at Truax

Dear Madison Alders,

We agree that bringing F-35 aircraft to Truax is not good for Madison.

Stephen Ohlson & Maryline Beurg
416 S Paterson St,
Madison, 53703

From: thomas Egstad <egstadt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:48 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for F35 and 115 FW

I support the F35, and the 115th Fighter Wing. One of the finest organizations in the state and very fortunate to have them in the community. Completely appose any action that does not support the bed down of F35s at Truax Field.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jo Vukelich <jojovuk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s

Dear Madison City Council Memmbers,

I urge you to support the Madison City Council resolution #53764 resolution opposing F35s at Truax.

There are some items within the environmental impact statement put out by the Air Force that clearly acknowledge the fact that it would have a negative impact on children and schools in the area. Isn't this reason enough? We need to protect and nurture our children and help them along their way. I also find it disturbing that some homes would need to be soundproofed. What happens if you want to go outside ?

The EIS report summary was a glossy promotional piece to favor the F35s. I am not satisfied that the EIS proves that it is a good fit for Truax. In fact, I feel like it proves that Truax and Madison are not a good fit.

We also need to think about the overall impact of the F35s. I believe that having the F35s here would have a negative impact on Madison from noise pollution, and other pollution to the ground, and urban sprawl just to name a few. Would having F35s here earn Madison a spot in the top 10 cities to live in the country? I think not. Please join me in supporting resolution #53764.

Thank you for your consideration .

Jo Vukelich
796 Hintze Road
Madison, WI
53704
jojovuk@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Susan Curtis <msmerwan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s

General Information

Name: Susan Curtis
Address: 1842 Spaight St
City: Madison
State: Wz
ZIP: 63704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: msmerwan@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please oppose this idea of bringing the jets to town at the expense of less influential citizens

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Bruce Baranski <baranski6@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

I am against your resolution to ban the F35's from Truax. I believe that they add to our community and I believe that their noise it outweighed by their value to Madison and the surrounding area. They are truly the sound of freedom.

Sent from my iPad

From: Adam Smith <adamsmith5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:13 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

I do not believe the resolution to oppose F-35 basing in Madison is being made in good faith. There is no reason to think that the operations of the F-35s will be radically different than the F-16s that are currently based there, and they certainly won't be any louder. The city of Madison should support the change to F-35s, if that is what the military decides.

Adam Smith

From: Heather Bronenkant <hnbronenkant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:14 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35A fighter jets

My family and I oppose the siting of F-35A fighter jets at Truax field in Madison. This greatly affects my sisters home and way of life. Do not allow this to happen.

Heather Bronenkant

From: Keith Schlesinger <keith.schlesinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s in Madison

Alder Marsha,

I saw your interview on TV last night about the F35s in Madison. It was a very weak story.

I have a couple of comments for the entire class of alders.....

1) How many SECONDS of time would a person be aware of the jets flying overhead. NOBODY has ever answered that question. It is probably less than 5 seconds.

2) if the jets pull out of Madison the Truax Air Force Fire Department also pulls out of Madison. Then you will stick the Dane County Executive with buying a new fire department for the airport which means you will jack up my taxes.

I encourage you to realize the economic benefits of these jets and do what is right for the residents of the City of Madison. and turn down this resolution. People near the airport live their probably because of the more affordable costs.

I have planes fly over my house on take off and final Nobody has bothered to talk to me about sound from aircraft at my house. I live with it and the sound is for a few seconds.

Turn down the absurd resolution and spend your time on more important issues.

Keith Schlesinger
2021 Anvil Lane
Madison, WI 53716.

From: Rose Shillinglaw <rlshills31@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing

To all Madison City Council members,

Oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing, and reinforce your support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I live on the North side about 5 minutes from airport.

From: Ella Bultman <ella.bultman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax

I'm writing to express our strenuous opposition to bringing the F-35s to Truax Field. As you know, this is a small airport closely surrounded by many communities. We have lived on the north side of Madison since 2001 when we bought our first home. In that time we have witnessed years of neglect and stigmatization of this area. In the last several years that has changed. Businesses, such as Willy St Coop, Goodwill Industries, Ale Asylum and many other non-chain businesses have decided to invest in our community. Prospects for the use of the Oscar Mayer property also look promising. The effect has been amazing. It feels as though we are finally on a trajectory of social and economic growth that is sustainable and equitable. Our home is not in the flight path for commercial planes. However this does not seem to be the case for military exercises. When the current F-16s do their exercises, our whole house shakes. I cannot imagine the increased effect of the F-35s. Additionally, we have recently found out about the contamination of our ground water with PFOAs, also from military exercises. (Given the fact that Madison is a network of lakes and waterways, this should be concerning to everyone.) This doesn't provide much confidence that the military will be truly concerned or culpable regarding the air and noise pollution associated with the F-35s. The north and north east side of Madison have been long characterized as low income. (I suppose that's why it's so easy to disregard impact on quality of life.) Firstly, this characterization is not true. These communities are diverse. Many people in these neighborhoods are middle income. Secondly, it shouldn't matter. We should be looking at building an economy that is socially and environmentally responsible so that all may benefit. We have to start making decisions that promote the well being of the environment and communities. Too much has been lost to political pandering and short term thinking. The final thing I'd like to say is that you wouldn't want it in your neighborhood. That should be enough. Yes, we chose to locate near an airport. That should not be a blank ticket to install whatever is politically appealing at the time. We, and hundreds of other households will bear that cost for years to come. Please hear us and help. Thank you.

From: Chandler Zillman <chandlerzillman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:50 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Badgerair
Subject: Support for F-35, 115th

Please reconsider any opposition to the basing of the F-35 in Madison. As a longtime resident of this great city and a veteran - I fully support the future of our great asset, the 115th Fighter Wing.

Sincerely,

The Grandson of Ted Zillman, Former Dean UW Madison. Son of Dick Zillman, Former President of Downtown Madison Inc., Son of Mary Zillman, MISD Teacher, and Grandson of Aldric Revell, Reporter Capital Times.

Chandler R. Zillman
Pilot, American Airlines AAL
USArmy (Retired)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Chandler Zillman <crzpilot275@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:50 AM
To: All Alders; Badgerair
Subject: F-35 Madison

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Chandler R. Zillman
Pilot, American Airlines AAL
USArmy (Retired)

From: Merle Bailey <merlewbailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: resolution 57364 opposing bringing F-35 fighter jets to Truax in Madison.

Good Morning, I address this to all alders voting this morning and especially to my representative, Mr Tag Evers. These planes should not be based in an urban area for many reasons: safety, intense noise pollution, added air and water pollution. The alders for those districts most directly impacted are opposing this; you should defer to their judgement as to the impact on their constituents.

Noise impacts have been clearly demonstrated. I oppose these Planes being located here based on economic justice, as those living in low-income neighborhoods are most directly affected. I oppose these planes being placed here on moral grounds as they are now part of the US strategic nuclear bomber force.

Please support THE ORIGINAL resolution 57364 opposing bringing F-35 fighter jets here.

Thank you,
Merle William Bailey
Bay Creek Neighborhood
1027 Gilson St.
Madison, Wi 53715

From: Jodi Wortsman <wortsmanjodi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35s at Truax - Support Resolution #57364v2

Dear Madison Alders,

I strongly support resolution #57364 V2 that opposes the F35s being located at Truax.

I have many reasons why I don't think the F35s should be located at Truax, but here are only a few:

- 1) Displacement of the residents from certain areas for this purpose is unacceptable to me.
- 2) Noise insulation as a necessity for homes is unacceptable to me.
 - a. I am right outside the 65dbL zone so I do not qualify for noise insulation of my home. Inside or outside the zone, I think noise insulation for homes as a necessity is a community destroying idea and will significantly decrease quality of life in my community. How do we insulate the outdoors? Do my neighbors and I need to sit inside with the windows closed? Can we play at the parks? Ride our bikes? Do we walk our dogs in the neighborhood? Do we get to meet our neighbors and talk to them outside?
- 3) Positive economic impact is not shown. Personally, when I look at the different aspects of this, I see many negative economic impacts to Madison and many unknowns on how certain items will get funded and timelines.
- 4) City of Madison has no official role in any potential noise mitigation study or program. This is unacceptable to me. As shared in the City of Madison report regarding the EIS, "The inability for the City to act on behalf of its residents and in the best interest of City-owned housing is a concern."

Thank you all for reading this email. I want to share an additional thank you to the Alders who sponsored this resolution and to those Alders who hosted the community meeting giving my neighbors and me a chance to learn more and share our stories.

Jodi Wortsman

2610 E. Dayton Street

Madison, 53704

From: Bill Stebbins <bill_stebbins@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support F-35s at Truax

Please support the F-35 s at Truax field with the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

Wisconsin gets so few federal defense spending dollars, please do not let them leave.

The reality, if the outdated F-16s remain, it will make the base likely a closure target in the next 5 years.

The personnel there have achieved very high reviews and performance standards.

It would be a shame to let this base deteriorate and eventually close.

INSTEAD: Work out a noise strategy. They only fly a few times a day, mostly during week days.

I grew up next to the base in the 50s and 60s when it was a lot more active with both Guard and regular Air Force.

Thanks

Bill Stebbins

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kirby Nelson <kirby@wisconsinbrewingcompany.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Working Together

Madison Alders,

I am writing this in support of the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. For decades the 115th has been a valued member of our community. To be selected as a home for the upcoming f-35's exemplifies the competence and professionalism of this elite group of citizens. With that said I also understand the legitimacy of concerns as to any noise issues that may affect members of our community also. If you haven't, please read Jessie Opoien's excellent article regarding the F-35's and our community (https://madison.com/ct/opinion/column/jessie-opoien-the-air-force-s-f--s-will/article_5bfd9c12-c263-550b-8b8f-757c4506bfb9.html). In it he articulates the pros and cons of the F-35's much better than I could and to sum it up, he believes the F-35's are a major win for our community but we must take any concerns seriously and address them. And I agree. I believe the F-35's should be welcomed to our community with the implicit understanding on both sides of possible challenges these jets bring and in the spirit of cooperation be determined to solve them.

Respectfully,

Kirby Nelson
Middleton, Wisconsin

From: Rachel van Viegen <rvanviegen@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:08 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission

Dear City of Madison Alders,

I want to extend to you my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. In my opinion there are far more positive impacts that the F-35 will bring to Madison and the entire State of Wisconsin than any of the negative things that seem to keep getting discussed.

I currently live across from highway 51 and we see and hear all the airport traffic north, south and east. My husband and I have never been disturbed but the any airplanes taking off from the airport.

Please rethink your decision on opposing the F-35 basing, educate those in your district and move to support the next mission of the 115 FW.

Thank you for your time and support.

Rachel vanViegen

Madison Resident

Supporter of the 115 FW

From: Shannon McNamara <samcnam10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:13 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Badger Air Community Council
Subject: F-35

Your resolution seems to be a waste. There are many more pressing issues within our city. I have heard that the F-16's are aging out and if they don't upgrade the base may fold. Lost jobs. Lost income. The studies I've seen show the noise level increase is negligible. I live within a mile of the airport and don't even notice the "jet noise" anymore. Let freedom ring.

Shannon McNamara

Sent from my iPhone

From: Schmitt Melody A <MSchmitt2@uwhealth.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:22 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE 115TH FIGHTER WING F-35 MISSION

To all-

I live on the East side of Madison. When I bought my home I was AWARE of the airport and the possibility of noise from planes, jets, etc. If I didn't want to live near an airport, I would not have bought my home nearby. (We all have choices). In other words, if it bothers some, move further away.

It is my understanding that the F-35 Jets are no louder than what we have now with the F-16's. I have a daughter who has made her life career working for the United States Air force and have seen the positive impact they have in our community. It is also my understanding more jobs will be available.

To quote:

Twenty new F-35 jets at Truax would add 64 jobs to the base, accounting for \$1.8 million a year in local economic activity. Truax already generates more than \$99 million a year in local economic activity and supports more than 1,650 in-state jobs, according to a 2015 University of Wisconsin –extension report. The F-35 jets would add security to all jobs at the base.

Thank you,
Melody Schmitt
4501 Diamond Dr.
Madison, WI 53714

Veldran, Lisa

From: Randy Taylor <randytaylor611@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I personally want F35's

Randy Taylor

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: cayocostanelson1956@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:28 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Together Truax

Sent from my iPhone I urge you to vote for the 115 and F 35s The sound of freedom . 🇺🇸
The dedication of these brave men and women. 🇺🇸

Veldran, Lisa

From: Susan Nelson <nelson.nafrana@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:29 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Opposing F-35s in Madison

Dear City of Madison Alders and Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway,

I support alders Foster, Kemble, Abbas, Evers, Heck, and Rummel's proposed resolution that opposes the basing of F-35s at Truax field.

Susan Nelson
202 N. Marquette St.
Madison, WI 53704

From: Diane Farsetta <farsettad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:31 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Please oppose F-35s

Dear Mayor and Common Council members,

I appreciate the time and effort that have gone into analyzing the U.S. Air Force environmental impact statement regarding siting the F-35A planes at Truax, holding public meetings and communicating with constituents.

Yet the projected impacts on our community demand more. **I am writing to urge you to publicly oppose the siting of F-35s in Madison.**

I live about 10 blocks from the 65 decibel day-night average level line, but we're already negatively impacted by F-16 flights. I'm concerned for my neighbors who live within the 65 and 70 DNL lines, who send their children to school or day care there, or who visit parks or playgrounds within those lines.

We all know that Madison is wonderful place to live -- for some. We can not agree -- even passively -- to F-35 flights whose noise and environmental impact would disproportionately impact communities of color and make an area of affordable housing incompatible with residential use.

As the Air Force's EIS, the City's analysis of it and the Northside Planning Council's strong statement in opposition to the F-35s all make clear, the possible benefits pale in comparison to the negative impacts. I attended the Air Force open house last week and did not hear one convincing argument in support of siting the F-35s here.

We need you to speak up for us, even when you do not have control over the ultimate decision.

Thank you,
Diane Farsetta
213 N Fifth St, Madison

From: Jenn Rotman <mail4hawkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:39 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F-35

I am sending this email in support of the F-35 jets coming to Madison. I live near the airport and in the flight path so I am quite aware of the current sounds of the jets and commercial aircraft.

Yes the jets are loud and can rattle my house a bit..but it never fails that I run to the window to watch them fly by. And, they are gone within seconds. Honestly, I think the commercial aircraft sounds last much longer than any jet does.

As a Veteran myself, I wholeheartedly support the military and it's mission. Which includes doing my part to support the aircraft necessary to keep us safe.

Please do the right thing and support the F-35s.

Jenn Rotman

From: Cris Carusi <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:41 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the resolution opposing F35s at Truax

General Information

Name: Cris Carusi
Address: 5709 Bittersweet Pl
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53705
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Dear members of the Madison Common Council,

I am writing to voice my personal opposition to proposed F-35A Operational Beddown at Truax. I am particularly concerned about the impact the noise will have on public schools, children and families in the area. There are three MMSD elementary schools immediately adjacent to the 65 decibel boundary shown in the draft EIS: Hawthorne, Lake View and Sandburg. In 2018-19, 73 percent of students attending these schools were students of color, 42 percent were English language learners, and 72 percent were experiencing poverty. All MMSD students deserve to get a high-quality public education, regardless of where they live. This is an educational equity issue for children and families in the Truax area.

The draft EIS states that the installation could interfere with speech and learning in schools and negatively affect children, including children of color. Furthermore, if families in the area are displaced and housing values decline, it could reduce enrollment in affected schools and the property tax base that MMSD depends on. For these reasons, I urge you to support the resolution opposing the F-35A Operational Beddown.

Sincerely,
Cris Carusi

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Steve Dunai <steve.dunai@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing is the right thing to do

I strongly oppose any opposition to basing F-35's in Madison. I fully support their move to Madison. They will be flown much less frequently than the worst case statistics being used. They bring over \$100 million dollars of positive annual impact to Madison. The base provides a positive, value added educational system and supportive outlets for 1,300 employees. Any resolution opposing them is short-sighted and would harm the city irreparably. Best,
Steve Dunai

From: Alfred Rasho <ab@abrasho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

General Information

Name: Alfred Rasho
Address: 2513 E Johnson St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: ab@abrasho.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Alders,

I support the resolution opposing the F35s at Truax. These military aircraft should be deployed to uninhabited areas not thriving urban centers. This is unprecedented and a threat to our safety and quality of life.

I moved to Madison almost 7 years ago to help in opening Tip Top Tavern and more recently North Street Cabaret. As we renovated, I watched an entire community change from a community on the edge to a thriving one. I was pleased and proud to join the community and buy a house in the neighborhood where I work.

Historically, the middle class has made its fortune through real estate. The F35 program would devastate the real estate market and our sweet community.

In my previous career I was a filmmaker and made several political commercials for U S Congressman Henry Hyde in opposing the expansion at O'Hare. I'm too old to once again become an activist. Please do the right thing. Please save our neighborhood and let us continue in our path to building a healthy and thriving community.

Respectfully,
Alfred Rasho

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Ned Keitt-Pride <nkeitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Good morning Alders,

I am writing to express my support of a resolution against the beddown of F-35 jets in Madison. There is no amount of money that can replace my and my neighbors' quality of life nor the opportunity that a safe, peaceful school environment provides. This is particularly true for my neighbors who are low income and people of color. Those least able to afford property value loss, least able to thrive in a disrupted school environment, least likely to feel safe hearing these jets should not be forced to carry the burden of others' economic windfall in the name of "freedom".

I'm also writing to let you know that tomorrow night is Back to School Night at Hawthorne Elementary, a school which will be impacted by the bed down. There are many voices who may not be heard tonight because they are supporting their children's education. I hope that the council will take this into consideration and will not allow the voices of businessmen who will personally suffer nothing if these jets are brought to Madison to deafen them to justice.

I am particularly concerned that this is the third public meeting being held in a manner (last minute) or location (outside the affected neighborhoods) that makes it difficult for many already-marginalized voices to be heard. I am not making any accusation that this has been intentional, but I want to be sure the council is aware that there are people who will bear the brunt of the new noise levels, and whose children will suffer disruption to their learning environments-many of whom are autistic and may/will be deeply disturbed by louder jets, who are not as privileged as I and many of the folks declaring support for the beddown to be able to speak up for themselves.

Lastly, I was deeply troubled by many of the comments made last week in the meeting at Alliant Energy Center which emphasized the character of the people serving in the 115th. While I have no doubt that these folks are indeed good people, this ought to have no bearing on this matter - unless there is an intention to weigh the value of the people in the ANG against the value of the people in the affected neighborhoods. I trust that our city council will not engage in devaluing communities largely made up of low-income families, people of color, and children by assuming that they are not also of good character and worthy members of our community.

Always a pleasure, never a chore,

Ned Keitt-Pride
942 Mayfair Ave.
Madison, WI 53714

From: Joe Pellitteri <Jpellitteri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35A beddown

General Information

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State: WI
ZIP: 53719
Phone: 608-669-2011
Work Phone:
Email: Jpellitteri@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I would like to express my support for the beddown of the F35 fighter jets at Truax Field. I attended the EIS public hearing and listened to the pros and cons. The pros far out way the cons.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Ronald Bauer <rjb21963@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Say No to F-35 Opposition

Madison Alders,

Please reconsider your resolution to oppose the F-35 coming to Truax Field.

So much more is at stake than just a jet, it is the future of the 115th Fighter Wing.

This military unit has an illustrious history of helping our city and state.

Just a few examples from the past decade. The 115th Fighter Wing has:

- Responded to statewide flooding

- Sent crews out into blizzard conditions to help stranded travelers

- Helped numerous areas throughout the state clean up after storms and put lives back together

- Most recently it came to the aid of Madison during the massive substation fire in downtown

No doubt that in the future the 115th Fighter Wing will be called upon to assist Madison in its time of need.

This unit also brings jobs, revenue, and upstanding citizens to the Madison area.

Allow the Air Force to do its job and determine the best location for the F-35 to defend our nation.

Respectfully,

Ronald Bauer

From: Tom Hewitt <hewitt1210@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:00 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F-35 Resolution

As a life long resident of the north side of Madison I would like to make sure my voice is heard regarding the conversation around locating F 35's to Madison. I am in favor of the jets locating in Madison, I understand stand the noise concerns of others but I think many other factors outweigh the noise - jobs, national security, progress, pride in our community and country. Please remember not all of your constituents agree with your resolution and you were voted in to represent all voices.

Tom and Carol Ann Hewitt

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joe Pellitteri <jpellitteri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35A beddown

General Information

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ZIP: 53719
Phone: 608-669-2011
Work Phone:
Email: Jpellitteri@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I would like to express my support for the beddown of the F35 fighter jets at Truax Field. I attended the EIS public hearing and listened to the pros and cons. The pros far out way the cons.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Anita Krasno <anitakrasno62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax

Dear alders,

I am writing to support the Foster/Kemble resolution to oppose the beddown of F-35s at Truax. Any potential benefit to our community is far outweighed by the negative effects this project would have on Madison's East and North sides, which will particularly be felt by some of our less economically fortunate neighbors. I urge you to oppose the project.

Sincerely,

Anita Krasno
1409 Rutledge Street
Madison, WI 53703

From: Carol Parisi <cparisi32@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:04 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

General Information

Name: Carol Parisi
Address: 101 Femrite Drive 110
City: Monona
State: WI
ZIP: 53716
Phone: 608-471-9838
Work Phone:
Email: cparisi32@hotmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am a veteran, as my father and grandfather were. I'm sure my father didn't want me to go to war, nor his father wished him to go, but we did. Not because we had to, rather because we found it to be, with-out hesitation, our duty. During my nine month tour of Desert Storm, I received the Navy Achievement Medal and a Letter of Commendation for a job well done. I attribute this to the outstanding training that I received by my unit here in Madison. My son is 4th generation military, attached to the 115th. I do not wish my son to go to war. However if he does, I want him to go knowing that he received the best training possible. I believe that this training will be done in Madison with the 115th Fighter Wing. Please support the mission of the 115th. Thank-you

Recipient:
All Alders

From: William Lynch <bbl2212@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:09 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Wis Air National Guard 115th Fighter Wing and F35 Mission

We are fully in support of the 115th Fighter Wing and the Wisconsin Air National Guard and fully support the F35 mission in Madison. We have lived at 3176 Ridgeway Avenue in Madison since 1976 and feel the ANG have been good neighbors, and more importantly, have a vital mission in the defense of our nation.

We oppose any efforts by our elected representatives to oppose the F35 mission and/or the 115th Fighter Wing.
Bill and Brenda Lynch

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: Marta Darrow <marta.darrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:09 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Please consider withholding her opposition to the F35 to Madison. This if forward progression. Our city needs to continue to grow and support/defend the United States of America like so many other cities currently do. It would be a shame to deny the arrival of this aircraft and potentially unemploy 1200 people and rip millions of dollars of revenue from the Madison area. The F16s can't stay here. Air frame is old and planes must b retired. So denying the F35 here could b doomsday for our beloved Air National Guard Base. Please know that even being considered for this aircraft by the United States Air Force is a huge compliment, not to be taken lightly. Madison needs this opportunity, as well as the state of Wisconsin. Don't adversely effect thousand of current employees and our future Airmen (your children).

Thank you for considering.
Marta

From: Tom Sacia <thomassacia@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: voting For Acceptance of F-35 to be at Madison. I am a Buffalo County, Wisconsin resident and i strongly FAVOR the F-35 coming to the 115th fighter wing based at Madison, WI..tom sacia, Box 35, fountain city, WI

From: Deacon Tim Reilly <deacontimreilly@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:14 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the F-35's

I grew up under the flight path of the 115th when they were flying delta-wing aircraft. We now moved back to Madison after being gone 44 years. We again hear the jet fighter whenever they fly. We have first-hand experience and support the F-35's coming to Madison.

With the recent attack in Saudi Arabia, this is no time to run from Madison's opportunity to play a role in the defense of our country because they might be too loud.

Please vote against the motion to oppose the F-35's coming to Truax at tonight's meeting.

Tim Reilly
710 Callisto Dr.
Madison, WI 53718

From: Karen Rivard <karen.rivard65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:23 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support of the F-35

Alders of Madison,

As an AF Veteran, AF Wife and AF Mom, I am in complete support of the F-35 program being based in the Madison community. I don't hear the sound of the military aircraft as 'noise', I hear it as 'FREEDOM', just as all my friends and family.

Basing the F-35a here in Madison shows how progressive we are as a community, embracing today's technology. It demonstrates the support we have for the nation as well as our allies.

I would gather the average Madison civilian has no idea the impact our 115th Fighter Wing has had since 9/11 in support of their deployments. Whether it be the immediate support of Washington DC, to the multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Japan, Korea etc.

Lastly, the economic impact the 115th Fighter Wing brings to our community, cannot go unnoticed.

Please take these into consideration and the impact on the MANY, not the FEW.

Respectfully,
Karen R Rivard

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sean Grant <seangrant225@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:24 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 opposition is dishonorable

Dear Alders,

I encourage you to respect the value of the F-35 mission that was AWARDED to Madison, WI. There are many airmen that worked tirelessly to secure the future of the 115th's mission and relevance for the foreseeable future. All of Madison's military operations are sacred and vital to our national security.

The F-16s have been following noise ordinances for many years and the F-35s will be no different.

Respectfully,

- Sean Grant

Sent from my iPhone

From: Olson, Debra <dolson5@madisoncollege.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to resolution to oppose F-35 // I fully support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F35 mission

Good morning

This email is in response to a resolution opposing the selection of Truax Field as a preferred location for the 5th Operation Beddown (bringing the F35s to Madison).

I am opposed to this resolution. Instead, I fully support the mission the 115th Fighter Wing and all it represents to Madison, Wisconsin and our nation.

The 115th Fighter Wing and its F-35 mission is critical to the residents of Wisconsin as well the United States. The Fighter Wing has been in the community since 1948 and has added so much to the community. During the attacks on 9-11, the jets were one of the first to be activated to protect us and our nation. The Wing brings in millions of dollars to the community through their employment of military and non-military members (through salaries, housing, taxes and all other community expenses).

I live in McFarland but work at Madison College and feel fortunate on any day that I get to see or hear the jets. They are an amazing reflection of the dedication of our military members who are willing to give their lives to protect our freedoms. **Freedom is not free!** For those individuals opposing this transition, they need to consider the loss of jobs that will eventually come, the lack of protection to our community and our country and the overall impact to the community as a whole.

The F-15s and the F-35s are an amazing display of protecting our country. The "noise" that they make is minimal compared to the constant noise of the airliners. Jets do not fly all day, every day like airliners and they are spectacular to watch. If you live by the airport, you should be accustomed to the noise of the airliners. **Open your mind to what the F-35s really represent – your freedom.**

Support the Operation to bring the F-35s to Madison and support the freedom it will continue to allow us to have in Madison, Wisconsin and our nation.



Debra Olson, MBA, PMP

IT Project Manager
Technology Services

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From: Janel Flanagan <Janelflanagan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:26 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35 aircraft - NO

General Information

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Address: 18 Cherokee Circle
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: Janelflanagan@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

No to F 35s! These planes are too loud to be so close to a residential area and to Cherokee marsh. No amount of jobs or money can compensate for the harm they will create

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Steve Karolek <steve@karoleks.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: DO NOT SUPPORT: Resolution Opposing F-35 Mission in Wisconsin

To whom it may concern,

I am a lifetime resident of southeastern Wisconsin, and a frequent visitor to Madison for both pleasure and business. While I understand the concerns about noise from citizens who have chosen to build their homes close to an important airport, I fully support the mission of the 115th Air Wing and courageous men and women who fly and support the F-35 Mission.

The base and mission are a critical component of our national defenses. Freedom is not free. In this case, one of the prices which must be paid is not being able to choose to live in close proximity to the air base. The resolution you should be writing and supporting is a resolution opposing any future residential development in the areas immediately surrounding the base.

I urge you to not support the resolution opposing the F-35 mission in Wisconsin and, in stead, show support for our military heroes in their critical mission!

Sincerely,
Steve Karolek

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Make every day interesting, challenging and rewarding!

Veldran, Lisa

From: Al Follendorf <afollendorf2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 support

I want you to support the F35 location in Madison.

Thanks Al

From: Damis Newman <damisn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Damis Newman
Address: 2917 Union St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 608-217-3899
Work Phone: 608-217-3899
Email: damisn@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I live and work in the flight path of the proposed F-35 flight paths. My children attend Isthmus Montessori Academy Public IMPA- near truax air field. I strongly oppose adding the f-35s. The noise from the current fighter jets already disrupts our lives, causes me and my children significant stress and interrupts learning at their school. Adding more, flights with louder noise is unacceptable.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Kristin Hoffschmidt <kristinhoffschmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:37 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Resolution #57364 - Oppose F-35s at Truax

Dear members of the Madison Common Council,

I am writing to urge you to vote to support Resolution #57364 v2 against the siting of F-35s in Madison. An environmental and social analysis of the US Air Force proposal to locate F-35 operations at Truax airfield clearly shows that the costs far outweigh any purported benefit.

By now, you are likely very familiar with the details of the F-35 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from the US Air Force: "Nearly every impacted area within the City of Madison belongs to a census tract with rates of persons of color well above the city- and county-wide averages" and "nearly every block group within the impacted area has poverty rates above the city-wide average".

The underlying structural racism and classism is clear in this proposal. Low-income people of color are disproportionately affected by current airport noise and air pollution and it will become worse with this project. Proposed mitigation through limited soundproofing is totally inadequate: all beings in and near the affected area spend time outside as well as indoors. F-35s burn extraordinary amounts of fuel and fuel is one of the largest costs of the project, and according to the US Air Force, will increase greenhouse gas emissions.

The F-35 project is both environmentally and economically unsustainable, and its astounding costs actually harm, rather than help, our national security. As we face global climate crisis and collapse in addition to serious social and economic issues, the idea that this type of project is viable in the long-term is extremely questionable. A [2018 report](#) concludes that the estimate \$5.9 trillion dedicated to the war on terror is an unsustainable national security concern. "The public would be better served by increased transparency and by the development of a comprehensive strategy to end the wars and deal with other urgent national security priorities." The F-35 fighter is the most expensive weapons program in the world and Lockheed Martin's biggest revenue generator, with an estimated cost of \$100 million per unit. "The F-35 currently [costs between \\$94 million \(F-35A\)](#) and \$122 million (F-35B) for low-rate initial production run 10, though sustainment cost projections are as big a concern as production costs for a program that is expected to cost \$1.5 trillion over its 55-year lifespan." The [cost estimated by the Pentagon](#) to fly an F-35A for one hour is around \$35,000.

According to supporters of this proposal, approximately 64 jobs will be created. In evaluating how this will benefit our community, we need to ask questions:

- What types of new jobs will be created?
- Are they likely to be jobs that people from the area outlined in the Noise Contour Map and surrounding areas could perform?
- Will those jobs pay a living wage?
- Are workers from the area outlined in the map and surrounding areas be given priority in hiring for those jobs?
- If the workers will be from outside the area outlined in the map will be hired, will they be likely to move into the affected area, and will their children attend school in the affected area?
- If the supporters of this project are worried about jobs in this area of Madison, what were actions they took when Oscar Mayer, Gardner Bakery, and other employers left the area?

I live outside of but near to the areas indicated in the Noise Contour Map, but am negatively affected by current air traffic noise, including the F-16s. However, this isn't only about "my backyard", it is about our entire community, and should center on our most marginalized members.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this issue and invite you to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hoffschmidt
529 Elmside Blvd.
Madison, WI 53704

From: Nancy Jacobson <nrljacobson2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I support the F-35's coming to Madison Truax Field. I live the the neighborhood and am not bothered by the noise. It is comforting to know we are protected from above.

Please oppose the resolution that would keep the F-35's away.

thank you

Nancy Jacobson

From: Jennifer Sze <maeming82@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Mayor; Bryn Griffiths; All Alders
Subject: F-35 Opposition

Good Morning Alders and Mayor Rhodes Conway,

I want to express my extreme opposition to the possibility of F-35s coming to Traux and I agree with the reasons explained in the Common Council resolution opposing the F-35s. We have a right to live in our current neighborhood without increased worry of extreme noise and environmental pollution. I am not anti F-35s, I just don't want them so close to where we live. Please do all that you can to advocate for Madison residents, particularly those who are not able to advocate for themselves, including children and at-risk adults. The EIS meeting last week was eye opening. It felt like business folks vs. folks actually living in the neighborhoods. What hope do we have if business always wins here in our so called progressive city? It wins literally everywhere else, please don't let us be the same.

Thank you,

Jenny Sze
2321 E Mifflin St

From: Maria Powell (MEJO) <mariapowell@mejo.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:41 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Cc: 'jimpowell@mejo.us'; touyengxiong@mejo.us; idajammeh@mejo.us
Subject: MEJO and over 65 Truax/trailer park residents support Resolution #57364

Dear Alders & Mayor:

As the Executive Director of the Midwest Environmental Justice Organization (MEJO), and Northside Madison resident, I support Resolution #57364 on tonight's common council agenda.** If Madison is serious about reducing and eliminating racial and social inequities, the Common Council will support a strong and clear resolution against basing the F-35 jets here, which will only further exacerbate these inequities.

The Midwest Environmental Justice Organization works with communities to prevent exposures to toxic pollution (including noise), especially among the most vulnerable--infants, children, elderly, ill, low income, people of color--who are often disproportionately exposed to these health risks. This is the case even here in privileged, environmentally-conscious Madison. Low income people living near Truax Field, who have been disproportionately exposed to excessive jet noise and toxic pollution for decades, are a case in point.

Yet in the last several days, at public meetings, I have heard F-35 proponents and even some Madison elected officials say that people in Truax and other low income neighborhoods next to the base "get used to" the noise, or that noise is a "privileged people's" issue--implying that they are not bothered by the jet noise. If they are, "why aren't they coming to public meetings?" one asked.

These comments are troubling on a number of levels--and completely wrong. **In last last few days I have talked in-person with over 65 Truax and Oak Park Terrace (trailer park) residents who are very disturbed by the current F-16 jet noise and enthusiastically--with no hesitation--signed in support of the resolution to say no to the F-35s.** They described to me how the existing F-16 jets disturb and alarm them physically and psychologically, keep them awake at night, wake their babies, and scare their children. Some are terrified that the jets will crash on their apartments. People who migrated from war-torn countries where fighter jets flew over (and sometimes dropped bombs) are understandably traumatized by seeing and hearing these planes over their homes and families here. They have no problem imagining how 3-4 times louder F-35 jets will affect them and their families.

MEJO members know first-hand what the fighter jets sound like in the Truax neighborhood. Since 2017 we have worked with people there on pollution affecting Starkweather Creek, and most of our meetings have been at the East Madison Community Center in the center of the neighborhood. On many occasions, we experienced the earth-shattering noise when the F-16s take off from Truax Field. The experience goes well beyond the decibel levels. It shakes the ground and your body. It's stunning--and at times momentarily paralyzing.

MEJO's Vice President Touyeng Xiong (who lives in the Truax Apartments) **testified** at the F-35 meeting about how the jet noise affects his family and neighborhood. Loretta Smith, Touyeng's neighbor, describes what the sound is like **here**.

Why are residents from low income neighborhoods near the base not attending public meetings in droves to oppose the F-35s? Here's what they told me (and what I know from our work in the Truax and Darbo neighborhoods--and because of my past experiences living in poverty): They are overwhelmed with basic survival, along with many socioeconomic, employment, and/or physical/mental health challenges. They are receiving little/no information about

the fighter jet and pollution issues and how they will be affected, so most are unaware of meetings in the first place and/or if they hear about them, aren't sure how to participate. Some do not speak English. Many cannot spend hours at evening meetings, even if they want to participate. Many have young children and lack childcare, or are taking care of elderly or ill family members. Some have several jobs including nighttime shifts. Some cannot get to meetings because they have no car. Others are demoralized and cynical--they don't think their opinions will matter. Some told me they think participation is pointless because, as one man in the trailer park said, "nobody cares about us, we're the forgotten ones."

MEJO is concerned about more than just noise. We're concerned about exposures to toxic chemicals people can't see or hear--and most are unaware of. Our organization has advocated to city, county, state, and federal officials since early 2018 to pressure the military to investigate and clean up the toxic chemicals leaching from the Truax base and nearby burn pits--especially PFAS, but also volatile organic compounds (VOCs, such as PCE/TCE), PAHs, petroleum compounds, metals, and numerous others. PFAS has contaminated soil and groundwater at the base (and likely air too), has leached off the base into the drinking water well one mile away (that serves the Truax neighborhood) and very likely into Starkweather Creek and its fish, which people in the community eat. To date we still have no PFAS data from the creek or fish.

The Truax neighborhood, so close to the base, is disproportionately exposed to PFAS and other pollutants. The military refuses to investigate and clean up this toxic mess, claiming it doesn't have the funds, even though it has trillions of dollars to spend on F-35 war machines.

The siting of the F-35s here will require extensive new construction at the base that will disrupt contaminated soils and groundwater, releasing more toxic chemicals into air, groundwater, soils, and the creek. The F-35s require a plethora of other toxic chemicals for operations and maintenance (which the draft EIS doesn't identify) that will also be released into the environment in various contexts. The draft EIS vaguely dismisses or does not address most of these potential environmental and health impacts at all.

In sum, it is indisputable--as the military's own draft EIS states in the case of noise alone--that the proposed F-35s will have disproportionate negative effects on low income people of color living in rental apartments and/or trailers closest to the base, who cannot move away.

These supersonic fighter jets will also affect many other Madison residents--homeowners and renters alike, from a range of income levels and backgrounds--beyond the areas immediately adjacent to the base, including my own family.**

Please vote on the side of environmental justice and support Resolution #57364 opposing the F-35s.

Thank you for listening and for your careful consideration of our comments.

Maria Powell, PhD
Executive Director, Midwest Environmental Justice Organization
Madison, WI 53704
608-240-1485, mariapowell@mejo.us, mejo.us

****My home/office is 1311 Lake View Ave, Madison 53704 (about 2 miles west of the airport).** F-16 fighter jets fly over regularly on some of their routes from Truax Field. When the jets go over it is extremely loud and inhibits conversations--and if we are outside or on our screen porch, we cannot hear anything and have to stop conversation entirely as several jets fly over one by one (usually they fly in groups). At times, they wake us at night when larger numbers of jets deploy at once. At our garden down the street, a bit closer to the base, the noise is even louder and the overhead flights are even more frequent.

From: AllynAndDiana Braun <adbraun79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the F-35

I am writing to express my support for the F-35 aircraft being assigned to the 115th Fighter Wing. I urge you to vote against the resolution opposing the F-35 basing.

Diana Braun
Concerned Citizen

From: peter wolff <peterwolff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

General Information

Name: peter wolff
Address: 945 jenifer street
City: madison
State: wi
ZIP: 53703
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: peterwolff@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

please oppose the placement of F-35 planes in madison. thank you. peter wolff

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Cynthia Rose <rosepetey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Resolution

I am in favor of your resolution to reject the F35's coming to Madison.

I am a health care business owner with an office on International lane, and I believe their presence would adversely affect my patients and their ability to feel safe and comfortable to come to my office. I also am very concerned for the homes and humans within the danger zone of the EIS and their health and safety.

Dr. Cynthia P. Rose,
2702 International Ln. suite 208
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: Morgan Lange <mtl222000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:44 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Matthew McElligott
Subject: Please support Resolution #57364 to oppose the F35 jets

Dear Madison Alderpersons,

I am a native Madisonian and a Registered Nurse in the Madison community (MMSD).

I am opposed to the beddown of F35 fighter jets at Truax, and have very serious concerns about the health of the community should Truax be selected for F35 fighter jets.

Please review the Environmental Impact Survey Draft (EIS) released in 8/2019 by the Air National Guard, and lend your support to Resolution #57364 to oppose the beddown of F35 jets at Truax, which will be proposed at tonight's City Council Meeting.

The F35s will cause increased level and frequency of noise, to hazardous degrees, as well as cause increased pollution of the groundwater, lakes and nearby marshes. (Can review the EIS and studies conducted by DNR and other bodies monitoring groundwater and PFA pollution). The areas most affected are generally inhabited by a higher percentage of low/lower income residents and people of color. The EIS shows that the the Madison/Dane County site will experience the most environmentally negative impact compared to the other 4 proposed sites.

I currently live within 5 minutes or so of the airport and my and my family's quality of life will definitely be negatively impacted by the increased noise and water/ground pollution.

As an RN for MMSD I have very serious concerns for the health wellbeing of students (and their families), a vulnerable population, living in and attending school in the most-affected areas.

For those concerned about the 115FW, it is well documented and reported that it will NOT be removed or dissolved at Truax if in fact the F35s are not placed here. That there will be other missions/operations of equal value/importance for the unit once the currently embedded F16s are retired.

The supposed economic benefits (ie up to 64 new jobs, temporary construction jobs) do NOT measure up to the financial cost to the county for noise mitigation, and to the dangerous effects on the health and safety of a substantial portion of Madison/Dane County residents. The human cost far exceeds any financial benefit, and this is well documented in the EIS.

Please help send a strong message to the National Guard, by supporting Resolution #57364, that the City of Madison will not sacrifice the health of the people in order to have F35 fighter jets.

Sincerely,
Morgan Lange, RN BSN
110 S. Marquette St.
Madison, WI 53704

From: Gwen <gwen3@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:46 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35's

To whom it may concern:

I am in full support of the jets coming to Madison. Have lived in my house for 47 years. When I moved here I knew I lived by an airport!!! Still run to the door when the F16s fly right over my house. Such a short time the sound lasts. Please do not vote them out!!

Gwen Peirce
2745 Commercial Ave.

From: Carmen Keating <ckeating91@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:46 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Opposing the Resolution

Dear City of Madison Alders,

I want to extend to you my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. In my opinion there are far more positive impacts that the F-35 will bring to Madison and the entire State of Wisconsin than any of the negative things that seem to keep getting discussed.

I used to live directly in the flight path, approximately 5 miles to the north, of the aircraft taking off and landing from Dane County Regional Airport. The noise had and still has no impact on my daily life and my 2 children have never been impacted by any of the air traffic that flows in and out of the airport.

Please rethink your decision on opposing the F-35 basing, educate those in your district and move to support the next mission of the 115 FW.

Thank you for your time and support.

Carmen Keating
Village of Arlington Resident
Supporter of the 115 FW

From: Ian Aley <ian.aley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: No F-35s, please support the resolution

Dear Alders,

Please support the resolution at tonight's common council meeting to oppose the F-35 fighter jets. The jets would disproportionately affect communities of color, children, and low-income people. Supporters of the jets suggest that they will create jobs. There are other ways to create jobs that do not take such a toll on our community and other communities around the world.

Thank you for your consideration. All the best,

Ian Aley
District 6 resident
1219 Spaight St, Apt 2

From: Angela Trentadue <twoand30@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Stop the F-35s

General Information

Name: Angela Trentadue
Address: 1826 Sheridan Street
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 608-215-3662
Work Phone: 608-215-3662
Email: twoand30@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am deeply opposed to stationing the F-35 fighter jets at Truax Field. As you know, neighborhoods close to the air field house many low-income, marginalized children and families. Some of our most challenged schools are in the zones that will receive repeated noise interruptions on a daily basis. These families do not have the resources to pack up and leave.

The detriments to this population and the city as a whole, far outweigh any potential gains. Surely, you agree that there must be a better option to station the jets than an urban area with homes, schools and businesses.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Robert Bartlett <rjbartlett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Air National Guard, Support F-35 basing at Truax

As a resident of Madison since 1978 I am writing to urge you to support the ongoing mission of the Air National Guard and support basing the F-35 at Truax. It is good for our community and good for the state. Please join Senator Baldwin and other Wisconsin leaders in supporting the F-35 at Truax.

Please vote against any resolution before you that would have the city oppose this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Bartlett

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: Strand, Dustin (USMS) <Dustin.Strand@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:57 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: 'badgerair@gmail.com'
Subject: Against Resolution Opposing F-35 basing

I'm contacting you today to urge your opposition to the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing and to voice my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. I was informed of this resolution by my brother who lives in the Madison area. I live in the Glendale, AZ area. I realize that because I do not live in Madison, my opinion on this matter is somewhat moot, however I live in close proximity to Luke Air Force Base in Surprise, AZ.

Often, on a nightly basis I hear the F-35s flying around the sky, usually around 10pm. Typically I find myself walking outside to see, and I find their presence to be both interesting and delightful. If the basis of the opposition is the noise, I can assure you it is not as big of an issue as one would think. On top of that, the positives in having these planes stationed in Madison, far outweigh the negatives. If anything for having something so unique be so close.

Interest in the U.S. Military, and Fighter Jets such as these are a good thing and should be supported. Allowing them to be close lets spectators and Aviation enthusiasts enjoy viewing them up close. And in return, hopefully the American Public can become even more familiar with one of this Country's great freedoms. In addition, I understand the positive economic impact this will have for Truax Airfield.

I appreciate your time in this matter. Thank you.

Dustin Strand
Senior Inspector
United States Marshals Service (USMS)
Investigative Operations Division (IOD)
Technical Operations Group (TOG)
Cell: 602-828-8415
Fax: 916-471-0546

From: Karma Ruiz <kruiz@worldwiseconsulting.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:58 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Madison City Council

Dear City of Madison Alders,

I want to extend to you my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. In my opinion there are far more positive impacts that the F-35 will bring to Madison and the entire state of Wisconsin than any negative things that seem to keep getting discussed. I live directly in the flight path, approximately 8 miles east of the aircraft taking off and landing from Dane County Regional Airport. The noise has little impact on my daily life by any of the air traffic, as a matter of fact, I enjoy seeing them flying overhead. Please rethink your decision on opposing the F-35 basing, educate those in your district and move to support the next mission of the 115 FW.

Thank you for your time and support,

Karma Ruiz
Sun Prairie resident

From: John Gould <jhgould152@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:59 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: I Support the 115th Fighter Wing

Madison Alders,

I'm writing to once again voice my enthusiastic support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the basing of the F-35A in Madison! It is troubling, to say the least, to hear that the Madison Common Council will be debating a resolution tonight that concludes with "Madison Common Council does not support the selection of Truax Field as a preferred location for the 5th Operation Beddown." I completely disagree with this line of thinking and whole-heartedly oppose this resolution!

The 115th Fighter Wing's central location, history and exceptional performance, along with its positive impacts to national security and the local economy dictate that the 115th Fighter Wing and Madison gain the F-35 mission.

Sincerely,
John H. Gould

From: Mary Garrett <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:07 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Mary Garrett
Address: 101 Cumberland Ln
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53714
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Dear Alders,

I read the utive summary and went to the Air Force presentation on the F-35s. I am absolutely opposed to their "bedding down" at Truax.

If they come, there will be increased noise, air, and water pollution e.g., PFAS. Why would we want this? for 60 plus more jobs? and Madison does not have an employment problem.

This proposal is a classic example of environmental injustice. Those bearing the brunt of the increased noise and pollution will be predominantly poor and non-white. It is unclear if, or how, they will be helped to relocate or soundproof their homes never mind going outside.

The Air Force estimates for the noise increase are averages! This is extremely misleading. The true measure is at take-off and landing.

Alders, please ask yourselves if you would be willing to swap homes with those who would be most directly affected. Please let that reflection guide your vote.

Sincerely,
Mary Garrett

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: F-35 Resolution

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Frederick Jones <arjo_3@tds.net>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 8:55:14 AM CDT
To: <district6@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: F-35 Resolution

General Information

Name: Frederick Jones
Address: 230 S. Marquette St. #2
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 608-241-1345
Work Phone:
Email: arjo_3@tds.net
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Dear Alder Rummel,

This is just a short note in support of the resolution opposing the proposal to bring the F-35 fighter jets to Truax Field.

Despite all the positive words spoken and written in favor of having them here I do not believe anyone for the area that will be affected supports them. From what I have heard and read the noise will make many homes basically unlivable. And while business people and others are in favor of it as usual the folks most affected are lower income and people of color.

I know you support the resolution but I wanted to add my comment that can be counted as supporting it.

Sincerely,

Frederick Jones

Recipient:

Marsha A. Rummel

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: No F-35 Military Jets

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura LaFleur <laura.theflower@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 8:52:50 AM CDT
To: district6@cityofmadison.com
Subject: No F-35 Military Jets

Marsha,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition to the F-35 Military Jets being forced upon Madison.** I love Madison. I live in Madison, work here, garden here, donate money here, and want to stay here for life. The addition of the F-35 military jets will adversely affect many, particularly people of color and folks with lower incomes, and will impact whether I choose to stay.

Thank you for your representation of me and your opposition to the addition of F-35 jets to our community. We can do better.

Laura LaFleur
30 Wirth Ct, Madison, WI 53704
608-609-5279

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: F-35

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Emily Greenall <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 8:49:27 AM CDT
To: <district6@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: F-35

General Information

Name: Emily Greenall

Address: 510 Maple Ave

City: Madison

State: WI

ZIP: 53704

Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I live and work in district 6, and I am extremely opposed to the proposed plan to bring F-35s to truax. I would like to see less military planes flying over residential areas, not more.

Thank you,
Emily

Recipient:
Marsha A. Rummel

From: Cynthia Keating <cynthiak59@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Truax field

To all that this concern's

I am very disappointed to hear of the possibility of shutting g down truax field . What are you people thinking? We are so blessed to have these hard working men and women here to protect our state and country. This base brings many many good paying jobs to the Madison area. They are certainly not a nuisance.

There are many more emissions be emitted by your local Madison airport than from this base.

You keep telling us how bad the economy is and then you want to lose the thousands of jobs that this base creates??? Wow!!!! Sometimes I feel like common sense in this country has gone out the window. Use your heads people! I support Truax field and 115 th fighter wing a 100% If you vote against them you are voting against our military and the safety of our country. If your so worried about emissions how about you start with yourselves!

I hope that you will use common sense at this vote and not cave in to people that don't care about our safety and our country.

Regards,
Cynthia Keating

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cathy Loeb <cathy.loeb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

Greetings:

I'm writing in support of the resolution that will be taken up tonight in opposition to the proposal to bring F-35 military jets to Madison. My husband and I have lived on the near east side since the late 70s and in our current location near the Barrymore Theatre since 1980. We already suffer from the noise of the military jets that regularly fly over our home. The noise stops all conversation, and the constant flights give the feeling we're being strafed. Adding the F-35s would greatly intensify this ongoing experience.

But more important, bringing these jets to Madison would be an act of environmental injustice, rendering parts of our city uninhabitable, with the largest impact on people of color and low-income families. Moreover, as someone active in the climate movement, I view this project as yet another nail in the coffin of our future due to the jets' emissions and other environmental impacts.

Finally, contrary to proponents' claims, the project's economic benefits will be negligible.

I urge you to support tonight's resolution.

Sincerely,

Cathy Loeb
2145 Linden Ave.
244-5930

From: Billie Karstetter <speshelk@mwt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:14 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: SUPPORT for the F-35 Bedown in Madison

I believe this is a brilliant move and a great direction for Madison as a whole. The revenue alone from the base in Madison is a great shot in the arm for the city, and the location has been a base with aircraft of many kinds so long, it should be second nature to hear them taking off and landing. The noise created by these jets is minimal compared to the benefit received. They do most of their practices away from Madison and the unit there employs the best of the best when it comes to environmental impact. Aside from the aircraft the base brings many other benefits to the airport and the city.

Billie Karstetter MSgt (ret)

From: Mackenzie Morris <mackenziemorris01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:18 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: I support the F-35 mission!

To whom it may concern,

I personally live in the Madison area (zip code 53704) and would like to reinforce my support for the 115th FW and the F-35 mission. This is critical to the wing to keep their jobs here in Madison. The 115th FW plays a huge role in missions all over the world and needs this mission to continue doing what they do for us!

Thank you,

Mackenzie Morris

Veldran, Lisa

From: Brian Reynolds <rynldsbr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:21 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing

Please oppose the resolution in opposition to F35 fighters being based at the 115th Fighter Wing.

The economic benefits, safety of key assets across the Midwest, and historic relevance tied to the 115th Fighter Wing deserve the support of Madison leadership.

As a WI native born in Madison and as a proud veteran, I implore you to support our proud military heritage and the opportunity to extend the rich tradition of air fighters over WI.

Respectfully,

Brian Reynolds
rynldsbr@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Stan and Doris Graiewski <wheelerroad@chartermi.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:23 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing

I live in Cherokee and I support F-35 Basing.

Stan Graiewski

From: Thomas Huisman <tomhuisman@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:24 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: The F-35

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

I am proud to be a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport. I have been a member of the community for over 25 years.

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In the event of a national emergency, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are called upon to protect us and to provide needed emergency services. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to the historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has protected all of us, and has responded to potential threats, can be cited.

The fire department at Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) is fully funded by the USAF and the Department of Defense (DoD). The fire department at DCRA is a requirement for commercial airline flights. If we lose the F-35, the aging F-16C currently based at Truax, will eventually be phased out. When the F-16 is gone, DCRA will also lose its DoD-funded fire department, which will have to be replaced and staffed by Dane County, increasing our tax burden.

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Regarding noise, the FAA 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 actually generate more noise, for a longer period of time, than the F-16 ever has. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are needed to accomplish the mission, than the F-16.

Please do not oppose something just for the sake of opposing something. Before you make your decision on whether or not to support the 115 Fighter Wing, and future basing of the F-35, as a citizen of Madison, I urge you to get all of the

facts. Please contact the 115 Fighter Wing and the Badger Air Community Council and learn more about the issue, before you vote.

Please be open minded, and carefully consider both sides of this issue. This issue involves much more than just the basing of the F-35. Consider the economics and the jobs--1200 jobs and an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. Consider the security and community support the 115 Fighter Wing provides.

Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,

Tom Huisman

From: Bob Koch <bobbyarkoffs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:30 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Regarding F-35As at Truax and tonight's resolution

Hello all,

I just wanted to send a short note to say I hope everyone supports tonight's resolution in opposition to the siting of F-35A planes at Truax. There is just no reason to place this sort of bed down near a residential area when it will be so potentially disruptive. The fact that there is no way for the public to initiate any sort of mitigation for harm due to a bed down is also especially troubling.

I live outside the supposed zone of the worst issues with noise, and I can say that our house shakes when the F-16 jets go over. I can't even imagine what something potentially four times louder would be like.

Thanks,
Bob Koch
4216 Kenwood St.

From: Ron Shutvet <rshutvet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:30 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Resolution 57364 Version 2 Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

I ask that the Common Council and the Mayor vote to pass Resolution 57364 Version 2 Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

In reading the draft EIS for the proposed addition of F35 fighter jets at Truax Field, it becomes obvious that the proposed new F 35 fighter jets will be even more noisy than the current F 16 fighter jets based at the airport.

I am in awe when the F 16 jets fly over. If you happen to know when the National Guard is practicing takeoffs and landings, you can go sit in your car out by the airport and watch them all you want. But if you go there, think of how it must feel to all the mostly low income people who live closest to the airport and the runway approaches. They hear these jets much more often and much louder than most Madison residents who live further from the airport and runway approaches. People will say that if you don't like the noise that these jets make, you are free to move somewhere else. But the reality is that life is not that simple and many of these low income people living near the airport would have difficulty finding another reasonably priced place to live.

And moving to the country gives no guarantee of a tranquil life either.. I remember back in the 1980's when I was performing soil borings for a new bridge on a remote county road way in the boonies in central Wisconsin. We heard the loud noise of jets approaching but could not see them. All of a sudden, the jets, fighters and bombers, came screaming nearly right over us just above the treetops. Turns out these jets were practicing radar avoidance flights near the Camp Douglas area of central Wisconsin. But they were flying not over Camp Douglas but over nearby public and private lands. Awesome to see and hear but kind of scary too. War is hell and that is what these jets are made for.

These jet pilots need to practice flying the new F 35 fighters somewhere. But why practice over densely populated areas if you can do it elsewhere and affect less people with the noise and scary maneuvers. Our government needs to be able and ready to defend our country but not at the expense of the mental health of its people. The heavily populated Madison area is not an ideal location to train pilots to fly these new and noisy F 35 fighters.

One last thought, How can these new F 35 fighters be so stealthy, when the enemy can hear them coming from over 5 miles away?

Ron Shutvet
Madison WI

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Pocan Calls For Further Testing of Noise Impact at Truax Air National Guard Base
Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; Pocan Letter to USAF on Noise Impact Test Flight 9.17.19.pdf; ATT00002.htm

From: **Andrabi, Usamah** <Usamah.Andrabi@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 9:31 AM
Subject: Pocan Calls For Further Testing of Noise Impact at Truax Air National Guard Base
To: Andrabi, Usamah <Usamah.Andrabi@mail.house.gov>

MARK POCAN
2ND DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 17, 2019

The Honorable Matthew P. Donovan
Acting Secretary
United States Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to follow-up on my August 19, 2019 letter regarding the United States Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the F-35A mission at Truax Air National Guard Base. While I have not yet received a response to my previous questions, I continue to hear concerns about the noise impact of the F-35 at Truax. As I hear from more members of the community, it has been brought to my attention that the noise impact is difficult to assess due to the Air Force's use of the Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL) metric.

I formally request the Air Force in coordination with the 115th Fighter Wing test the F-35 flight pattern at Truax Air National Guard Base. Specifically, the Air Force should conduct a take-off and landing of the F-16 and the F-35 planes so community members will have a more accurate understanding of the noise impact from the F-35 mission. This test mission should be completed before the public comment period ends on September 27, 2019.

I look forward to working with you on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress

From: Kathy Young <kosleyyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission

I am not a resident of Madison but wanting to support someone who is a part of this unit (115th Fighter Wing). Support for our military and their training should be a top priority for Wisconsin.

Therefore, I oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing and do support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Kathy Young
806 Second Street
Melrose, WI 54642

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jordan Sexton <jordanmsexton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:52 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

Good morning,

I'm here to simply express my support for the basing of F-35's at Truax Field in Madison. The 115th's history of excellence is awe-inspiring and the amount of good they do for their community, state, and nation is commendable.

Thank you,

Jordan Sexton

From: Angela Richardson <angelarichardson1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:54 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Resolution #57364 V2

Please support Resolution #57364 V2 to oppose the F-35 fighter jets at Truax Field.

The potential negative effects on health and quality of life which having F-35s at Truax poses for City of Madison residents compels us to resist the presence of these fighter jets here.

Again, please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the proposed bed down of F-35A fighter jets at Truax Field.

Thank you.

Angela Richardson
217 Dunning St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: The 115 Fighter Wing and the F-35

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Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Faye Zemel <faye.zemel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35 Fighter Jets

Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

I write to ask you to support the resolution to oppose the F-35 fighter jets. I live on the Near East Side of Madison and stand with my neighbors in opposing the siting of F-35A fighter jets at Truax Field in Madison.

Thank you,
Faye Zemel
535 Dunning Street

From: Scott Haden <smhaden@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose approval of F-35 fighter jets

General Information

Name: Scott Haden
Address: 534 Margaret Ct
City: Sun Prairie
State: WI
ZIP: 53590
Phone: 773-259-5599
Work Phone:
Email: smhaden@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

You have likely received your share of correspondence about this, so please consider this email another notch on the "opposed" side of the board.

This plan appears to help none of the residents in the affected neighborhoods, and would likely affect more than is estimated. Approving this would create a significant downgrade in everyday living for a lot of people that actually live and work and contribute to the city of Madison. I urge you to do the right thing and consider their quality of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Scott Haden

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jackie Guthrie <djguthrie13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:04 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support f35

I work next to the airport and support the f35! I am also very thankful to have an airport on Madison and the civilian aircraft fly more often than the military and the sound difference is negligible!

Jackie Guthrie

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Jackie
ph: 608-212-1955

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ph: 608-212-1955

From: Scott Turner <scott.turner1190@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:08 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Let the F35's fly. Sound of Freedom

Scott

From: Scott Turner <scott.turner1190@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:09 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

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Scott

From: Rhonda W <rswaldvogel50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

I am in favor of having the F35's here. If are our pilots are not able to train with the best and most up to date equipment then you can't expect them to be combat ready. By having either F16's or F35's Madison can be well protected.

I understand that most complaints come from those living closets to the airfield. They knew when moving in there was an airfield so their complaints should not even be taken into consideration. They chose to live there and the airfield had been there long before them.

Rhonda Waldvogel
USN

From: rebecca stobb <stobby1975@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:12 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support of F35 basing

To whom it may concern,

For years we celebrate our freedom, our freedom of this country for who all who live here. There are all different sounds of that freedom... singing, praising, dancing, but more important the sound of sacrifice. The sacrifice that our forces give every day.

I give full support for Madison becoming the base of the F35.

What does that give to the people living here, the ability to hear that wonderful sound of FREEDOM!!!

Sincerely,
Beckie Capaul
Dane county, Wisconsin resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Melissa Lamb <meljo76@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:15 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

General Information

Name: Melissa Lamb
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City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: meljo76@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I am a resident of the Sherman neighborhood, District 12. I am writing in support of the resolution " Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown" put forth by my Common Council representative, Alder Syed Abbas, and others.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Teresa McKenzie <tsm2032@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: truax and the F35's

To the Madison Alders,

I am a city resident and have been a majority of my life. I live on the east side, and in the past lived either on the east or northside of town. I am very familiar with the airport traffic and the noise that is produced by both civilian and military planes/jets as they seem to always line up on our houses during take off and landing. Anyone who lives near the airport either knows or should know when they move in that there is noise from the airport. The noise is a small inconvenience and you learn to live with it.

If the F35's are not brought here Truax will cease to be a base as the older jets will not be continued. The City of Madison will absorb a huge financial hit if Truax closes. Oscar Mayer was a huge hit that we will feel for a long time. Oscar Mayer was not always the best neighbor with the smells it produced and I'm sure the environmental issues it also caused. I lived near Oscars when I was a child when it was fully up and operational and the smells were not the best but you learned to live with it as again that is where we lived.

If the city really wants to provide a large amount of services to help people then you should not be looking at closing something that brings in a large amount of money to the area. Taxes in Madison are already very high and I personally do not think we can absorb the large increase in taxes that will be needed if Truax does not get the F35's.

Please consider the large benefits that these jets will bring with them.

Teresa McKenzie

From: Mary Ebeling <mrebeling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to siting F35s in Madison

Good morning,

I am a resident of Madison's northeast side and wish to register my opposition to the siting of the Air Force F35 fighter jets at in Madison's Truax field.

I respectfully request you vote in favor of the resolution opposing the F35s. There are too many problems and compromises required of residents if we house these jets. Here's a brief summary of why I have decided these jets are a bad idea for our city.

- Noise - the additional number of flights plus the increased noise from each additional plane is not acceptable and will dramatically reduce the quality of life for residents.
- Social justice - the EIS clearly states there will be an adverse impact on poor communities and communities of color. These residents' homes will likely become uninhabitable with these new planes.
- Environmental justice - even with existing aircraft operations the airport and airfield has not been able to manage contaminants that have soiled our public water supply. We cannot accept new activity that will increase both actual and risk of this type of pollution.
- Economic - the F35s will not create a substantial number of permanent jobs for Madison. The reduction in property values and quality of life for residential properties affected by these planes will reduce the tax base for the city as well as economic vibrancy.

Thank you for your time,

Mary Ebeling

From: Lorna Aaronson <lorna464@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:18 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the Foster/Kemble resolution opposing F35s at Truax

To City Alders

I live in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood, and want to express my strong support for the Foster/Kemble resolution opposing the proposal to use Truax as the beddown site for F35s.

I base my opposition to Truax as a preferred location for the F35's on the draft EIS, and also on the analysis of City planning staff describing the long-term negative impact on families and property owners just outside the mitigation area, many of whom are people of color and lower income. I further oppose whatever alternative proposals that may be put forth that fail to specifically address the values that we have as a community to frame such decisions in terms of the equitable, healthy, and sustainable impact of all decisions on the population of the citizens of Madison.

I won't be at the Council meeting tonight, but will be watching and listening. I urge you to resist the pressure to make a decision that will impact the long-term quality of life of some of our most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Lorna Aaronson

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pronouns: she, her, hers

From: Nick Cleary <njcleary0509@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:18 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Please Support F-35s!

Alders,

It has come to my attention that a proposal to oppose the F-35 project has been drafted and will be voted on tonight. I strongly consider each of you to oppose this proposal. While I understand there were a few hundred people worried about this project at the Expo Center recently, I feel this proposal would strongly overshadow the beliefs of the 250,000 other residents in Madison who are of no opinion, or who actually support this project.

I have lived on all sides of Madison throughout my entire life, including the flight paths of the F-16s and even the Thunderbirds when they were in town. The noise of these planes goes essentially unnoticed for me at this point, unless I'm fortunate enough to be outside. Even then, it becomes a sound that is a reminder of advances in human technology, something that should be celebrated and admired. The children who live in the area should be given the chance to see, firsthand, these amazing machines. This is a physics/science topic that could easily engage children in school as well as provide them with firsthand experience.

While I admit I'm ignorant of exactly how much financial gain could be garnered from this project, I am certain the only economic impacts would be positive and welcomed.

I urge you all to shoot down, no pun intended, this disproportionate representation of a few hundred people over the belief of tens of thousands. This is great for Madison and our future, and to try to waylay this project would be disappointing and wrong.

Nick Cleary

From: Ray Hetrick <hattrack99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:19 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 Basing At Truax Field

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the resolution to oppose the F35 being based at Truax Field. I also strongly support Truax Field being selected for the F35.

The amount of revenue and jobs that will come with the F35 would be a huge benefit to the Madison and surrounding communities.

Raymond C. Hetrick, MSgt (Retired)

From: Nick Karabis <ngreek1944@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:21 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I support the F-35 coming to Madison. I have lived two miles from the airport for 44 years. I have listened to jets for 60 years. The F-102 took off in afterburner every flight and they flew every night. This has been part of Madison my whole life. I live 500 feet from the fire department and hear the sirens going every direction all day long, guess which annoys me the most, but it is a fact of life. There are worse things in Madison to deal with especially on this side of town.

From: Joshua Loescher <joshuawloescher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:22 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Resolution

Good Day,

I am opposed to the resolution that would ban the F35 in Madison.

The 115th Fighter Wing has been a consistent supporter of the City of Madison and has formed multiple productive partnerships within the community. For instance, just to replace the fire protection that Truax Field provides to the DCRA would cost in excess of \$5,462,669.77 in the first year alone. Would those costs be then the burden of the tax payer?

Thank you,
Joshua Loescher

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate L. Payne <klpayne@kollegetown.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:24 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F-35 IN MADISON

I am a supporter of the 115th Fighter Wing getting the F-35 and oppose the Madison Common Council Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing!

Thanks,
Kate Payne

Kate Payne

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From: Zane Williams <zane@zanewilliamsphotography.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

General Information

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Email: zane@zanewilliamsphotography.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Alders: Mark Pocan has now requested further study and noise testing on the impacts of F-35's on nearby communities and neighborhoods. Please support at least! this further study by passing the resolution in front of you tonight.

Sincerely,
Zane Williams

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: The 115 Fighter Wing and the F-35

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

I am proud to be a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport. I have been a member of the community for over 25 years.

The 115 Fighter Wing is a good neighbor, and whatever you may read or hear in lies and half-truths from opponents of Truax, and future basing of the F-35 in Madison, the 115 Fighter Wing does care about the community. The unit and its men and women have been part of the Madison community since 1948.

The Air National Guard base at Truax is essentially a complete micro-community, of approximately 1,200 employees, in many career fields, besides fighter pilots. The unit also employs doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, lawyers, civil engineers, fire fighters, police, logisticians, vehicle mechanics, cooks, accountants, IT specialists, 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--some right here in Madison at the University of Wisconsin.

In the event of a national emergency, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are called upon to protect us and to provide needed emergency services. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to the historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has protected all of us, and has responded to potential threats, can be sighted.

The fire department at Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) is fully funded by the USAF and the Department of Defense (DoD). The fire department is a requirement for the size and capacity of the commercial airliners utilizing DCRA. If we lose the F-35, the aging F-16C currently based at Truax, will eventually be phased out. When the F-16 is gone, DCRA will also lose its DoD-funded fire department, which will have to be replaced and staffed by Dane County, increasing our tax burden.

The F-35 ensures that the 115 Fighter Wing, a major Madison employer, paying excellent wages, benefits and educational opportunities, will be around for many years to come, long after all of you Alders and I, are gone. As often happens at 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 home to a number of companies that used to be based in Madison. Please do not lose another major Madison employer, especially one that pays excellent wages and benefits.

Regarding noise, the FAA 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 actually generate more noise, for a longer period of time, than the F-16 ever has. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are needed to accomplish the mission, than the F-16.

Please do not oppose something just for the sake of opposing something. Before you make your decision on whether or not to support the 115 Fighter Wing, and future basing of the F-35, as a citizen of Madison, I urge you to get all of the facts. Please contact the 115 Fighter Wing and the Badger Air Community Council and learn more about the issue, before you vote.

Please be open minded, and carefully consider both sides of this issue. This issue involves much more than just the basing of the F-35. Consider the economics and the jobs--1200 jobs and an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. Consider the security and community support the 115 Fighter Wing provides.

Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Mary Robbins <mary.badgerfan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:29 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 aircraft based in Madison

To All Alderpersons on the Madison City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the 115th Fighter Squadron and the basing of F35 Fighter jets in Madison. I grew up on and currently live on the north side of Madison, I lived my childhood on Superior Street, close to the airport, the railroad switching yard, Oscar Mayer (during hog kill days) and the active Truax Air Force base. I had neighbors in the airforce and working for Oscar Mayer. When Truax was an active base we had frequent sonic booms from the jets, when Oscar Mayer had hog kill we had frequent stench, when the railroad yard was active we had frequent railroad signals at all hours and lots of banging and clanking of trains switching tracks, switching engines, and running all night long. And to top it all off there was a tavern at the end of the street that stayed open until 2:00am with live music. In spite of all this I, and all my neighborhood friends, grew up normal. We all went on to graduate from high school, some went to college some of us have children and we all have lived productive lives.

I worked at MATC Truax for 27 years and the noise of the F16s taking off was brief and did not impact classes or jobs. Rather, it was always a moment to take pride in our air force and the safeness we felt. It was especially poignant on 9/11/2001 when we were all so shaken and scared.

If you're wondering what I'm trying to say, it's this. My childhood neighborhood was idyllic. We had noise, we had stench, we had trains and we had drunks but none of us were affected in a bad way. Actually we are all very proud northsiders and actually brag about everything I mentioned above.

I fully support the locating of the F35 fighters here in Madison. The noise they make is the sound of freedom in my ears, it's the sound of the sacrifice the people who fly them and support them, the sound of financial stability for so many people who depend on the base for the dollars they pour into our economy.

Do I care about the impact the increased noise will have on some people who live near the airport? Frankly, not much. I grew up with it and survived, so will they. We need to focus on the larger picture here. The noise is not constant, it is momentary, In these times of global insecurity I find the sound of fighter jets to be the sound of security, In order for all of us to be safe we need to accept some inconvenience.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Robbins

From: moose3253@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:31 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35 Support

Alders,

Since 2010 I have lived off of Portage Road on the East Side, Sun Prairie, and now I live on Marcy Road on the Northeast Side. I have worked about as close to the airport as one can get and close to the direct flight path of the commercial aircraft, private aircraft, the Blackhawks, and the F16's. I will be one of the first people to say I support the F16's and F35's at Truax. I also support the military aircraft that use Truax as a transit stop during their travels. This is not just a Madison issue. This is a Madison, Wisconsin, region, and national issue.

Yes, the jets are located in Madison; however, they support the homeland defense and response for any questionable aircraft throughout the Midwest and country with ready aircraft every day. This means that since September 11th, 2001 there are airmen and pilots prepared to react in case there is an unknown threat high above. Are you willing to say this level of security is too good to be deployed from the Madison area? There is a reason the 115th has this mission, and there is a reason the Air Force has chosen the 115th to carry this mission forward with the fielding of the F35. The 115th has a proven track record of being one of the best fighter units in the country.

The airmen of the 115th also react to local and state emergencies. Look at the recent emergencies throughout Wisconsin and see who responded. Look back and see who responded during the fires at MG&E. It was the airmen of the 115th. Yes, they are not part of the flying mission, but they support the mission and could be taken away if the F35's are stationed at a different location, and Madison loses the flying mission or worse a total force restructure. Are you willing to lose this asset?

The jets take off 80% of the time around 9am and 1pm every day. Yes, the noise will get your attention, but does it affect your life the entire day? The answer is no. Have I had to pause phonecall conversation until after the jets take off? The answer is yes, but I would rather do that than not have this asset in Wisconsin. Does it affect your hearing? At some point it may, but I have had a hearing test each year for the last ten years and my hearing has not changed due to the sound of the F16's.

Do you realize the same people saying the sound of the F16's and F35's affect their lives are the same people who say the Blackhawks affect their lives as well. The sound of the helicopters creates an unlivable situation? They had to create special flight paths to mitigate the number of phonecall complaints because the 1-147th AVN wants to be cooperative members of the community.

Do the same people complaining about the 115th complain about commercial traffic? They should. Remember, citizens in Madison complain about lights and sound coming from Edgewood High School. No other community in Wisconsin complains about high school sporting events affecting their livelihood. This same group would love to have the Badgers stop playing football at Camp Randall. When is it enough? Wait, I bet most support the 115th during events like Rhythm and Booms or Shake The Lake when they do flyovers to be part of the community. Have some pride in a symbol representing Madison and Wisconsin.

Is this a liberal thing? If so, this should not be a political issue. I bet the majority of citizens across Wisconsin support the 115th and the fielding of the F35's just like they support the rest of the National Guard. Is it worth to lose to the F35's over political reasons and the viewpoint landscape of Madison? Remember, Madison is nicknamed 56 square miles surrounded by reality for a reason. Don't let Madison affect the wellbeing of the entire state, region, and country.

Looks at what the unit brings to Madison. The unit brings jobs, funding, a stable housing market, and a response force for the airport and surrounding area. There are more pros than cons to this topic. Do not block this opportunity for Madison and the Wisconsin Air Guard to be relevant for the next 50 years.

Aldermen represent the people of Madison, but they also have their own political viewpoints involved. Don't let that be the case with this issue. Are you truly representing the people, the businesses, and the area or are you influencing this topic because of your own viewpoints?

People do have a choice. They choose to live around the airport. Move if it affects your life too much. There are other options that saying you don't like something. Also, the flights happen during the day. Why are you home during the day? Don't most people work away from their homes during the day?

I know this is wordy, but this resolution is absolutely ridiculous. The few are deciding to affect everyone without knowing the long-lasting consequences. The F35's coming to Wisconsin is a good thing for Madison and the entire state. Don't be the roadblock to the positives. There is a reason they chose us. Our airmen are the some of the best and our National Guard has a reputation for being one of the best. This is a GREAT position for Wisconsin to be in. Also look at this point, out state and national politicians came together and provided bipartisan support for getting the F35's here. Our politicians, businesses, leaders, and citizens came together to be high on the list for getting the F35's, don't ruin it now.

I know I didn't place my vote for Aldermen to be a roadblock and not think of the future instead of the present.

Thank you for your time. F35's' need to come to Madison and Wisconsin.

Chad R. Brownell

From: Bryn Griffiths <brynjagriffiths@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Jennifer Sze
Cc: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Re: F-35 Opposition

I echo this!

These jets are not suited to a highly populated residential community.

Thank you for doing the right thing for your constituents.

Bryn Griffiths
(218) 234-2796

On Tue, 17 Sep 2019 at 08:39, Jennifer Sze <maeming82@gmail.com> wrote:
Good Morning Alders and Mayor Rhodes Conway,

I want to express my extreme opposition to the possibility of F-35s coming to Traux and I agree with the reasons explained in the Common Council resolution opposing the F-35s. We have a right to live in our current neighborhood without increased worry of extreme noise and environmental pollution. I am not anti F-35s, I just don't want them so close to where we live. Please do all that you can to advocate for Madison residents, particularly those who are not able to advocate for themselves, including children and at-risk adults. The EIS meeting last week was eye opening. It felt like business folks vs. folks actually living in the neighborhoods. What hope do we have if business always wins here in our so called progressive city? It wins literally everywhere else, please don't let us be the same.

Thank you,

Jenny Sze
2321 E Mifflin St

From: Helene C ANDROSKI <helene.androski@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: City Council Resolution to Oppose the F-35s at Truax

Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to urge you to support the City Council Resolution to oppose the F-35s at Truax for all the reasons included in that resolution. And thank you Ald. Rummel for being a sponsor.

Sincerely,
Helene Androski
505 Riverside Drive
Madison WI 53704

From: dave hunt <dhunt712@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

Dear Mayor's office,

In regard to the proposal of the F-35 jets at Truax, I encourage you to support the resolution and reject this health risk that threatens to invade our community. Not only do I work everyday with low-income children who reside near the airport in CDA housing and other low income proprieties on the north-side, I am also a tax paying resident of the north-side and work on the north-side. Presently, as citizens and residents, we have to deal with the negative effects of the constant pollution (noise and environmental) and disruption of our quality of life from the current war jets that are stationed at Truax. These new war jets would be even more of a negative effect for the quality of life of all city residents.

Please support the health and welfare of the residents of the city of Madison and keep this destructive force out of our communities.

Thank you,

David A. Hunt

From: Doug Buth <dbuth@payneanddolan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:37 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission

Dear Alders,

This e-mail is in disagreement to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax Field.

The 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission is a huge honor for the City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin.

In reflection of the 9-11 anniversary we should all be in support of increased military presence. The proposal for Truax Field to be the home of the new F-35's is logistically the right decision and should be implemented.

Please reconsider your resolution.

Sincerely,

Doug W. Buth

From: Reginold Royston <r.a.royston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35s

Why can't they do this at Volk Field? We are not at war. We are a city of peace. These flights impact Northside and Eastside disproportionately, especially low-income and POC communities. This is unnecessary and I am disappointed in our state's US Senators for endorsing this.

Reginold Royston, Ph.D.
Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Adam Olson <koehn1981@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:46 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Adam Olson
Subject: F-35 Supporter

Good morning,

This email is for the purpose of showing support for the F-35 basing at the Truax Air Field and 115th Fighter Wing in Madison, Wisconsin. Upon further investigation it has come to my knowledge that the environmental impact study was conducted as a "worst case scenario" and should be taken as just that. Decades ago, planes of the past like the F4 were much louder. Residents in the "unsuitable" area are eligible for Federal grant money for soundproofing and the number of flights was overestimated, which led to the increase in "average" noise in the study, but in reality the 115th will still be flying 8 airplanes, 4 times a week just as they do now. After all it is a guard base. It does not seem folks will be as impacted as the media and opposition is making it out to be. We are privileged this opportunity has presented itself us.

Thank you,

F-35 Supporter!

From: Bob Israel <rlisrael@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of F-35 resolution

I'm writing this in support of the Madison Common Council resolution responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

"Beddown" sounds like a cozy sleepover, much as "collateral damage" could be your kitty accidentally knocking over a vase. Euphemisms like these ease the way for disinformation, much as past assurances about airport noise turned out to be false. For example, in 1990 the construction of a new runway was touted as potentially reducing activity, and therefore noise, on the north-south flight path. It didn't. And in March, 2018 retired USAF Colonel Jeff Wiegand, now a member of the pro-basing [Badger Air Community Council](#), promised in the Madison newspapers that the incoming F-35s would be quieter than the current F-16s. This claim is contradicted by the Guard's own IES.

The most vocal organized supporters of the F-35 live far from their expected impact and several may be in a position to profit from it. Their claims of dire economic consequences of the jets' not coming here are false: we have no shortage of jobs, and in fact employers complain of a dearth of skilled job applicants. What we do have is a lack of affordable housing, which basing the F-35s here will exacerbate by making nearby homes uninhabitable. Their invocations of national security needs ring hollow: if the F-35s aren't here they'll just be somewhere else because, as President Eisenhower predicted, no matter what the cost to the American people the military-industrial complex always gets what it wants. Sadly "our" Senators and Congress members, dazzled by the glitzy promise of few federal dollars, just go along to get along.

Noise abatement? Removing pollution they leach into Madison's groundwater? The Pentagon makes no promises about cleaning up after itself, since it's not their department. Besides, they have a wall to build.

From his downy bed in the governor's mansion miles away in Maple Bluff, then-governor Scott Walker called the noise of the military jets the "sound of freedom". From those of us who live on the flight path it's more like one deafening blast of BS after another.

Bob Israel

26 S. Marquette St.

From: Pat Taylor <taylorpc01@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Noisy skies

As a new resident I strickly oppose this proposal to turn Madison into a noisy, unlivable city. Please vote against menace.
Pat Taylor

From: Charles McLimans <charles@riverfoodpantry.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

The River Food Pantry, with primary operations at 2201 Darwin Road and offices at 2801 International Lane, stands in support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas that will come before tonight's Common Council.

As one of the most impactful nonprofit organizations serving over 1,000 low-income Dane County households and their residents each week, many of whom reside on the Northside, we are deeply concerned about the environmental and quality of life impact that the F-35 would have literally in our backyard and on our operations. Some of the most vulnerable residents of our community would be the most affected by the presence of the F-35 including many low-income seniors, children, and communities of color.

The River provides groceries, clothing, hot meals, and mobile lunches for children when they are out of school, in addition to operating 8 in school food pantries and two weekend programs in MMSD schools. All of these programs and the people who need to access these programs for household stability would be adversely impacted by the F-35.

We urge your support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas and thank you for your thoughtful consideration and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Charles McLimans

Charles McLimans

President/CEO | The River Food Pantry
Tel. 608.665.0233 (Direct) | RiverFoodPantry.org



From: Dave Shaw <dshaw@firstbusiness.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Magali Shaw
Subject: Support for F-35 basing in Madison WI

I am writing to urge the Madison City Council to wholeheartedly support the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission for Truax Field in Madison WI.

Please oppose the resolution this evening that opposes the F-35 basing in Madison WI.

Thank you for your time and support!

Dave Shaw

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From: m s <tudorprincdate@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:53 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Lynn Schultz; Craig & Steph Schultz
Subject: F-35, 115th Fighter Wing support.

As Americans were all asked to pay the price of freedom.

Thousands of men and women have given sacrifices for this seemingly taken for granted right of freedom.

I say seemingly as I understand that some of you have a resolution opposing the continued exercise of this freedom against the basing of a F-35 jet unit in Madison, WI.

Well I was born here nearly 50 years ago and have often disagreed with the council on many matters but this my first piece of mail I have sent, electronic or otherwise. I am so compelled to speak, freedom itself allows me to.

The rest of the State I am sure is not surprised that a town that has been anti war (for almost any reason) for years, and is hosting the "Great Midwest Marijuana Harvest Festival" would be excited to try to find a reason to not support this.

But think beyond yourselves and for the greater good and safety of a country that fights for that festival to be held or that allows flags of opposing lifestyles to be flown.

Without those jets freedom and speech itself is infringed upon.

I ask the council ask those citizens that have concerns to pay the price for all of us. They do not have to fight rain soaked, taking cover from literal bombs, against malaria or an entrenched enemy first hand but they should just consider putting up with a little jet noise. So many Americans before them have put up with so much more.

Without that noise, without that security, we open ourselves up to giving up the ability of ourselves and other Americans to breathe free.

Kind regards,

MATTHEW Schultz

From: Carl Landsness <weneedadream@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:49 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: The F-35 proposal

I've heard far more passion (pro and con) re the F-35 jets at Truax since the [Environmental Impact Statement](#) was released than ever before...

with proponents speaking of economic benefits, public service, freedom and security...

and opponents speaking of noise pollution, discriminatory impact, chemical pollution and over-sized military.

I'm concerned that if this proceeds as an us/them, win/lose, good/bad process...

that **ALL** will lose (in physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ways)...

no matter who 'wins'.

There are win/win alternatives available (e.g. hidden gifts and grace disguised as pain and problems)...
especially at a soul level...

if a critical mass of people will surrender [ego pride and poisons](#) to a higher power, purpose and perspective...

and do the hard humbling work of self-examination, self-improvement, self-discipline and self-less service.

If we do...


the benefits will ripple to all other aspects of being, doing, relating, resolving, serving and stewarding...

at this most precariously pivotal point in human history.

What will you/we choose?

[Carl Landsness](#) (the giraffe guy)

District 6



Madison's municipal philosopher: Carl Landsness brings the moderation

Chris Rickert | Wisconsin State Journal

"When I put these ears on ... all I can hear is the
language of the heart."

PS I grew up directly under the main flight path (on Waubesa by Kipp) during the 50's when active Air Force jets flew often and **low**.

Noise (and pollution) was accepted then (including frequent trains and bustling factories) as means for survival...

unaware of the long-term impact.

I'm concerned that if we swing the pendulum too far and fast in the other direction (**based on current consciousness**)...
we will cause more harm than good (**in new ways**)...
and miss a critical catalyst for an evolutionary paradigm shift...
and **survival**.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Military Families Wisconsin <kimiggraff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Good morning-

My name is Kimberly Graff, President of Protecting Military Families in Wisconsin. I'm writing today to share my support for the F-35 mission in Madison.

Truax has an amazing history of military aviation which shouldn't be curtailed. We need to support the efforts of our military and the training needed to protect this great nation.

We ask you oppose the resolution opposing the F-35 mission.

Respectfully

Kimberly Graff

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Kimberly Graff

President - Founder

Protecting Military Families in Wisconsin

155 Buten St

Milton Wisconsin

(608) 512-7905

kimiggraff@gmail.com

From: Dick Smith <dicksm1568@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:57 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: NO to F-35's in Madison

General Information

Name: Dick Smith
Address: 315 Virginia Terrace
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53726
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: dicksm1568@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please stop this madness. Vote against the F-35 project. Madison does not need this. The people living in those impacted neighborhoods certainly don't need it.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Brian Lavendel <blavendel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: requesting that you oppose F-35s in Madison

Dear City of Madison Alders,

I would like to add my voice to those asking that we oppose bringing the F-35s to Madison.

There are so many valid reasons to oppose these weapons. But one of the most valid in my mind is that our nation and our world and planet cannot survive investing more in the military. Our community must stand in opposition to this waste of valuable resources. The Cit of Madison and Dane County are not for sale and we cannot let ourselves be bought by the big-money military-industrial complex, and by politics that support war profiteering.

I believe that a vote in favor of the F-35s is a vote in favor of continued militarization, threat, intimidation and destruction. Please help Madison stand against war and against the growing militarization of our society.

Thank you.

Yours in Community,
Brian Lavendel, PhD
2302 Center Ave,
Madison, WI 53704

From: beth hanson <behanson2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Thank you

Thank you City Council members for your opposition to the proposed F-35 invasion of our city.
I strongly support your resolution.

Sincerely,
Beth Hanson

From: Jennifer Blasen <jblasen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35s

Please let it be known that I support the City Council resolution lead by Foster/Kemble in opposing the F-35s.

Jenny Blasen
1718 Jenifer St.
Madison, WI 53704

Jenny Blasen Pottery
www.jennyblasenpottery.com
www.facebook.com/JennyBlasenPottery

From: Kat Ruth-Leigh <kruthleigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:05 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: I support the original F-35 resolution

Dear Mayor and Alders:

I support the originally drafted resolution in opposition to the beddown of F-35 planes in Madison, and I urge you to vote in favor of it tonight.

Many people have already told you the merits and demerits of the planes and the decision, including the Air Force itself. I hope you will take all that information into account in how you choose to vote. I am more interested here in describing to you what your vote means to me and the residents of this town.

Your vote is a referendum on:

- Whether and how much you value the future of my 16 month old child and the hundreds of other young people, who will grow up with the planes taking off over our house.
- Your commitment to addressing social and structural inequalities that many of you pay lip service to caring about correcting.
- Your ability to step above the fray and take a stand against a federal body that is -in its narrative - pitting jobs against homes in a community we all share. You should not allow them to do this. We can have jobs that sustain our community, and we can have homes that are safe and quiet. The Air Force should not put us in this position, and your vote can be a counterweight against this untenable position that is rupturing our local goodwill towards each other. You can say no to that.
- Your integrity and authenticity in the offices you hold. The residents you represent are watching what happens tonight, and there are people in every district who can see with clear eyes what a terrible deal this is for Madison and our collective future. This is shaping up to be a real life issue here for the next ten years. Your vote tonight will become part of the long term narrative, for better or worse.

Lastly:

- You can support the military and war generally speaking and be against the jets.
- You can support our neighbors who have jobs on the base and be against the jets. (I do, very much so, and I hope you do too).
- You can support the Air Force specifically and be against the jets.
- You can support the needs and mission of the federal government generally and be against the jets.
- You cannot support the jets and this community as a whole at the same time.
- You cannot support the jets and the big picture of the local economy at the same time.
- You cannot support the jets and say you believe in a prosperous future for this city at the same time.

I look forward to seeing how you all vote tonight.

Kat
3015 commercial ave, 53704

From: Zachary <brewslit@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:06 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Madison City Alders,

I am writing to express my disappointment that some of you have decided that having an F-35 mission based out of Madison's Truax Field is not desirable or in the best interest of our fine city. I ask that those of you bringing forth the resolution to oppose basing the F-35 here desist in this effort and that you all unanimously resolve to support the F-35. I have been a resident of Madison and McFarland my entire life. I remember watching the A-10's fly over our elementary school in the 1980s and was excited to become a member of the 115th Fighter Wing when the F-16 first made it's appearance back in 1994. Those jets are now becoming outdated, and need to be replaced. The fact that the Air Force is even considering the 115th Fighter Wing is an honor, but an honor that has been earned by the sacrifices of the men and women of the Fighter Wing over the last 70+ years. The motto is "Dedicated to Excellence", and this wing and it's members exemplify this every day. As long as the Air Force has been dominating the skies worldwide, Truax Field has had military aircraft assigned. I fear that if the F-35 is not chosen and the F-16s we currently have outlive their useful lives, the Fighter Wing may cease to exist. I understand we are noisy. But we've always been noisy. The 747s that take off from DCRA are noisy as well, but no one has made any effort to close the airport. I understand Madison's history as a liberal, progressive community, and have always been proud of that. However one of the tenets of maintaining peace throughout the world is to project strength, and air superiority is a tangible way to express that sentiment. There is no shame in wanting a better, more peaceful world for us and our children, but I believe in my heart that one of the ways to that world is to project strength to our enemies by having technological wonders like the F-35 strategically placed throughout our nation, and what better place than our hometown of Madison. Please support the F-35 basing initiative, and stop opposing through misguided resolutions. Thank you for your time,

Zach Brewer
Senior Master Sergeant, WI Air National Guard

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carole W <carolewakefield01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:07 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 opposition

Hello. I am out of state visiting family but want to voice my opposition to the F-35s at Truax.

Carole Wakefield
2025 Rutledge Street
Madison WI 53704-5544
608 556 9775

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From: Connie & Randy Burmeister <crburm@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:08 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Placement of the F-35's at Madison's 115th Air National Guard Base

To the Madison Alders in opposition of the placement of the F-35's at Madison's 115th Air National Guard Base:

My wife and I are in **FULL SUPPORT** of the arrival of the F-35's.

The Truax Field Air Base has been around since the early 1940's and is part of the history of Madison and Dane County. We should be proud that the 115th Air National Guard Unit has been selected for the placement of the F-35's. This base is ranked as one of the highest Air Force bases in the United States. Our men and women serving us have done an outstanding job to receive such recognition. They are on call to help communities across Wisconsin when disaster strikes. They leave their families at home to serve and support missions all over the world. We must support the base and placement of the F-35's for this important work to continue.

And there is much support for the 115th Fighter Wing. When the F-16's do a flyover at Camp Randall Stadium at the conclusion of the National Anthem, the roar of the crowd shows support for these jets. What you hear is the **SOUND OF FREEDOM**.

What about the economic impact if the base doesn't receive the F-35's replacing the soon to be retired F-16's? Would the base close? All of the information that we've read points to the fact that having the F-35's at the base will result in an economic boost to Madison.

We were both born and raised in Madison and remember sonic booms. Now we live in the City of Sun Prairie. The F-16 jets, Army Air National Guard helicopters, commercial airlines, Med Flight, FedEx, and private planes fly over our home at all hours. None of these noises bother us because they only last for a few moments. The benefits far outweigh the noise.

We strongly urge you to oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing.

Randy and Connie Burmeister

Sun Prairie, WI

From: Gilbert Kania <gilkania1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:09 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's---- I was in the U S Air Force- - - .Music to my ears. I support the F-35's

gilkania1@gmail.com



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From: Abra Vigna <abra.vigna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: PLEASE TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY TO OPPOSE THE F-35s!

Dear Alders of Madison,

I encourage you to take action to oppose bringing F-35s to Madison. The burden of this acquisition will disproportionately fall on poor communities and communities of color and the benefits of bringing the F-35's do not outweigh this consequence.

Beyond that, as a citizen of this city I oppose the acceptance of F-35s for myself in terms of noise pollution and I do not live immediately adjacent to the fields but close enough to be bothered by existing fighter jets and prefer the jets we currently have to leave Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Abra Vigna
122 Dunning St
Madison 53704

From: Nolan Adsit <nolanadsit@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: We want F35s!

Dear Alders,

I wish to express that I fully support our military operations of the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison. And that I oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing. I think it would be a shame if Wisconsin lost this military operation.

Thank you,

Nolan Adsit

From: Margaret Washa <maggiewasha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:13 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax

Good People,

Thank you for taking a minute to read this.

I am opposed to the F-35s coming to Truax. I know there would be economic benefit to the City if they did, but Madison is known for its great quality of life, and this would be compromised, far outside of the sound barrier lines shown on the maps. The **current** military jets are deafening to anyone outdoors in a perimeter far exceeding the conservative maps drawn. Conversation must stop or be shouted over the noise. Now it will be increased by about 4, and the area expanded. This is not good for Madison and will significantly decrease property values in an area far exceeding the maps drawn. Can you imagine choosing to live with that kind of noise pollution if you had a choice?

My other concern is the chemicals sprayed on these jets to make them undetected by radar. It is toxic. It must be washed off and resprayed after each test flight. Not good for our precious, struggling watershed in Dane County. Also, it would be good to know if these practice flights will be carrying a live payload as part of their practice runs. This would add another level of danger to our peaceful community. Please keep these considerations in mind and you decide what your recommendation will be.
Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Margaret Washa

From: Matt Eakins <mnseakins95@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the 115th Fighter Wing

Good Morning,

I would like to show my support for the F35 coming to the 115th and the positive impact it will have on the unit and our community.

The F35 will allow them to perform the same mission they do today, with the most advanced technology available. It concerns me that we would intentionally want to ask our friends and neighbors to do our nations bidding with anything less than the best equipment available.

Please do everything you can to give our fellow Wisconsinites the best opportunity to be successful! There is too much at stake to not.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully

Matt Eakins

From: Jonathan Rubin <jemery321@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:19 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Proposal to to stop F 35 Jets in Madison

General Information

Name: Jonathan Rubin
Address: 914 Royster Oaks Dr. Apartment 120
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53714
Phone: 608-320-3628
Work Phone:
Email: jemery321@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please please please do not allow F 35 jets to replace the F-16 jets we already have to tolerate. The noise from the Jets is already intolerable for myself, my children, and my dog. I have multiple sclerosis and spend almost every hour of the day in my home. Noise brings me in intense pain. I've been told the F 35's Open told the F 35's Will be four times as loud as the F16s.

In addition, the presence of war jets flying over our home makes it feel like a battle zone to my poor children which is traumatizing for them!

Please block this!

Jonathan Rubin

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Sherry Hinkle <bearhinkle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35

To all City of Madison Alders:

I strongly oppose the resolution asking the Federal government to not have the F-35 jets in based at Truax Field in Madison. I believe to pass this resolution will cause grave harm economically to Madison and Dane County. I urge you to abandon this resolution.

Thank you,

Sherry Hinkle
800 W. Jefferson Street
Stoughton, WI.

From: carrie.glantz <carrie.glantz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:29 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing

Dear Madison Alders,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing. The 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission is important and deserves our support.

Thank you,
Caroline Glantz

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: Jean and Steven Huxmann <jshuxmann@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:30 AM
To: All Alders; tlna@yahoogroups.com
Subject: F-35 TEST PROPOSAL

We need to go beyond print and verbal discussions of this situation, to find out what the impact would really be like. Here is a suggestion:

- 1) Create 9-10 groups of East Side and Isthmus Madisonians.
- 2) Locate them around the whole East Side, to the Square.
- 3) Do an ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION FLY-OVER OF THE F-35 PLANES (historically a group of 3, taking off singly, then doing several circular, loud, low-level passes over the city).
- 4) Have each group judge the sound/disturbance level, using normal hearing.
- 5) Based on these reactions, adopt or reject the F-35 basing through a council resolution.

Steven Huxmann
426 North Few Street

From: John Schomburg <jmschomburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:31 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Common Council F-35 Basing Resolution

Council Members,

Having experienced in person, and up close on many occasions the take off, and landing of both F-16's, and F-35's, I can honestly say there is no real noticeable increase in the noise produced by the F- 35's. In fact, due to the lower tone of the F-35 sound compared to the F-16, I strongly believe the F-35 comes across as less of a audible burden.

With that said, I greatly oppose any resolution that would be against the basing of the F-35's at Truax Field! While completely supporting the 115th FW and the F-35 aircraft upgrade.

The F-35 is an incredible capability upgrade for the 115FW, and a positive opportunity for the state of Wisconsin.

Regards,
John Schomburg

From: sophia.chiron@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:32 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: sophia chiron
Subject: F-35s

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of the F-35s, particularly in Madison WI. I think they are unnecessary and will be harmful to our community.

1. The noise they will bring is dangerously loud and will be extremely annoying. I am concerned that the noise will affect my property value. I have lived in my home for 26 years so I am quite familiar with the noise from the F-16s and really worry about the F-35s.
2. I worry about how the noise will affect children folks that are hearing sensitive.
3. I don't want our lovely little city to be a target because we house these fighter jets.

I am asking you to please, please, please vote against the F-35s in Madison.

Your devoted constituent,
Sophia Chiron Stevens
1829 Kropf Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
District 12

From: Sarah Burgess <sarahmburgess@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:33 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Banning fighter jets

Yes! I support this resolution to ban F-35s from Madison skies. We deserve peaceful skies. We deserve to sing songs, and play and talk and be heard outside with our children, friends and neighbors, without the presence of fighter jets over our heads and in our lives. And the environmental impact makes it clear the right choice to make. No more fighter jets please.

Thank you,
Sarah

From: Alexander Abbott <aabbott@carthage.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:34 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition of Resolution to oppose F-35 basing

To whom it may concern,

This email is to voice my concern for the opposition of the Resolution to oppose the F-35 basing at Truax Field, WI.

Having been a student, resident, and an avid taxpayer to the State of Wisconsin, I strongly support the basing of the F-35's in Wisconsin. Throughout my time as a student in the state, I have met and encountered numerous personnel from the 115th Fighter Wing that had also attended school. The education benefits, as well as location, of the Guard unit drove the students to seek education within the state of Wisconsin and ultimately drove their decision to become permanent residents once they graduated. The economic impact of the Guard employing college-aged students from out-of-city is insurmountable when coupled with the fact that a vast majority of these students spend money earned, pay tuition, and then become permanent residents once graduated. Adding on, I have also seen the economic impacts the Guard has on the city of Madison, as many of it's members live within the city and Dane county and the jobs created for the residents of Madison.

Being a resident of Wisconsin, I regularly fly in and out of the Dane County Regional Airport. The fire and emergency services provided to the airport and surrounding area are often an overlooked commodity, as well as the runway and taxiway improvements the Guard helps facilitate. Knowing the unit is there to protect and improve the airport environment is an ease of mind I, and many others, enjoy having.

The 115th Fighter Wing also provides reassuring air security with their current NORAD 24/7 alert status. If there ever were any situations requiring immediate air support and protection to the greater Wisconsin and Chicago area, many others as well as myself would be relieved to know that we had Wisconsin citizens protecting us in the skies.

I thank you for taking the time to read this email, and I thank you all for serving in the selfless public role as alders to help better the City and it's residents. All of the benefits I have listed above I have witnessed first-hand and have seen how the 115th Fighter Wing provides support and services to the City and it's citizens. If the decision is made by the alders to oppose the basing of the F-35, there is a strong possibility that the Wing may lose it's flying mission - as well as most of it's National Guard Bureau and Air Force funding. The loss of the Wing's flying mission could potentially close the entire Wing down, which would result in all economic, emergency, and national service support to disappear. I understand some residents have concerns regarding the noise from the new jets, but the greater good of the City and **all** of it's residents - not the ones within earshot of the airport - should be the focus of the alders and their policies. I please ask that you reconsider opposing the F-35 basing and listen to the majority of residents when making this decision.

Respectfully,

-Alex Abbott

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Alex Abbott
Carthage College - Class of 2017
Physics Major/Mathematics Minor

From: Emily Mills <lostalbatross@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:33 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: For the record: Please oppose F35s in Madison

Madison Alders,

I am a resident of the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood, specifically the small section that, according to the military's own EIS, will be most impacted by the addition of the F35A fighter jet to Truax. In fact, our home is labeled as "potentially incompatible for residential use" if/when the jets bed down here.

The current F16s are already loud enough to disrupt speech (and certainly sleep, since I've heard them fly over in the evenings as well as daytime), and I can't imagine the impact they have on children, especially those with sensory issues/special needs.

The EIS and the City's own analysis also point to the disproportionate and negative impact the F35s would have on neighborhoods with a higher-than-city average population of people of color. Add to this that many of the houses and apartments to be impacted are some of the few remaining options for affordable living in Madison, and it becomes painfully clear that this is yet another project that would benefit the few and harm the many, particularly our most vulnerable communities - and those that have already suffered the most under previous, poorly planned/unjust and inequitable "urban renewal" efforts.

Many of my neighbors are also the folks who don't have time and/or bandwidth to attend meetings on the other side of town, if at all, in order to express their concerns directly to those with power (though MEJO went door-to-door in the Truax neighborhood and got input: <http://mejo.us/truax-apartment-residents-on-f-35s>).

I'm aware that there's a lot of money behind the push to get the jets here - including via the Badger Air Citizens Council, which was handing out free hats and stickers at the open house last week and appears to be run entirely by well-off white business men who don't live in the impacted communities. I'm aware that politicians that I otherwise support (Baldwin and Pocan) have championed the base. I'm also aware that members of the Air Guard depend on the base for their livelihoods, and there is some threat of Truax eventually being closed if there is no continued air mission there.

I believe we have to weigh the short term gain of the few against the long term loss of the many and more vulnerable, and I believe that it's more important for Madison to finally put its money where its progressive mouth is. This project is a bad fit for the city and will cause untold economic and social damage to those who can least afford it.

My partner bought our condo just a year ago as her first home purchase ever. There's a very good chance that, if the F35s come to Madison, we will either be forced to leave a neighborhood we've come to love (and one of the few places within city limits where we could actually afford to buy), or to watch our home lose value while suffering whatever ill health and wellness effects come with jets that are four times louder than the current ones.

The whole thing, quite frankly, stinks.

Please vote for the resolution to oppose the F35 plan, as introduced by AldersFoster, Rummel, Kemble, Heck, Evers, and Abbas.

Thank you,
-Emily Mills
1021 Melvin Ct
Madison WI 53704

From: Jay Bob Immel <jaybobimmel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:35 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Good Morning All,

I want to voice my support for the F-35 program coming to Madison.

I am a property owner that will be directly effected by the F-35s. I currently get to hear the passenger jets flying over and the F-16s are definitively a bit louder but it's a small sacrifice we can make. I know it's a cliché and in the world we live in it's almost a polarizing statement, but freedom isn't free. I was not a service member, but showing my support for the next generation of fighter is the least I can do.

I represent the silent majority, the people who are too busy living their lives to show support for most causes they believe in, but this is the least I can do.

It will mean business for the city and protection for the country. Whatever your political beliefs are, I think these are 2 things that almost everyone can support.

Thank you for your time.

Jay Bob Immel

From: Taralie Peterson <tarpet408@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:39 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: f35's

General Information

Name: Taralie Peterson
Address: 205n 6th street
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 217-412-4922
Work Phone:
Email: tarpet408@hotmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please sign the order today to stand against the F35's being brought into our community. This is just awful. The increase in noise is absolutely going to be awful. And people will lose home value!

Recipient:
All Alders

From: John Stevenson <johnrstevenson13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35's

Hello.

I am out of state today, but I want to voice my opposition to the F-35s at Truax.

John Stevenson

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: Resolution opposing F-35 jets

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caroline Garber <garber.caroline@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 11:34:30 AM CDT
To: district6@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35 jets

Dear Marsha,

Please add my voice to those of my neighbors in support of the resolution opposing the F-35 fighter jets in Madison. I understand that a resolution will be voted on at tonight's City Council meeting. We reside in the neighborhood and are strongly opposed to having these fighter jets located in Madison.

Thank you,
Caroline Garber

From: anthony.russo@bgab.afcent.af.mil
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:48 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: thebadgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support F-35 in Madison

To whom it may concern:

I support the basing of the F-35 at Truax Field, Madison Wisconsin. For the Madison and surrounding area, the significant economic impact a major government project such as the F-35 should be the main catalyst towards community support as well as the support for a patriotic cause with a direct impact. However it is understandable that in accordance with the findings of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS), there are concerns for the noise that the F-35 may bring. As a 115FW member whom has direct involvement with the operations of the wing's current mission, I can accurately and objectively attest that the findings under the EIS concerning sortie generation and noise contours are extreme and present a worst case scenario and are not an accurate representation of the norm that can be expected for future F-35 operations.

The EIS provides metrics that grossly overstate the sortie generation that can be expected for F-35 operations in a normalized Air National Guard unit such as the 115FW. Current 115FW F-16 operations that will closely mirror future F-35 operations do not execute anywhere near the amount of sorties that are defined within the F-35 EIS. Realistic and objective items to consider that will dramatically decrease the overstated sortie count within the EIS are:

- Off station training sorties
- Off station operational sorties
- Weather attrition
- Maintenance attrition
- Increased training sortie generation through the F-35 simulator

Additionally, the EIS defines sound contours that correlate to afterburner takeoff power that is highly overstated. Fighter aircraft utilized strict and definitive procedures for when afterburner takeoff power is required based on aircraft weight, parasite drag, pressure altitude, and outside air temperature. Unlike the F-16, the F-35 contains a more powerful engine (non-afterburning) and almost never flies with externally carried stores and equipment. Both of these parameters will significantly reduce if not eliminate the requirement for afterburner takeoff power for the F-35 that will considerably diminish sound contours in the Madison area.

I support the F-35 coming to Madison Wisconsin. I believe the economic impact that the 115FW currently brings to the Madison area is significant and will continue to grow should the F-35 be selected. I also understand that noise is a concern to the local community of Truax Field, but I believe that the EIS overstates this concern and the Madison community will not experience a noise disturbance that is any different than current airport operations of today.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mrill Ingram <mrillcom2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: No F-35s!

I am in strong support of the Common Council resolution to oppose F-35 jets in Madison.

There is not a single good reason for Madison to host the airplanes. It is exceedingly important that the city, including all alders and the mayor, **take a strong stand** on the issue.

As a forward-looking municipality we need to resist a minority-led effort that is costly, against Madison's interest as a growing city, discriminatory against many people, especially more vulnerable folks, un-environmental, a threat to the climate, and warlike.

Sincerely
Mrill Ingram
2151 Oakridge Ave.
Madison, WI, 53704

From: Dace Zeps <dacezeps@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Implore you to Support the Resolution in Opposition the F-35 beddown at Truax

I am opposed to the F-35 in principle and think this project should have been scrapped years ago. However, if I did not, the draft [Environmental Impact Statement](#) issued by the Air National Guard raised so many concerns regarding noise and environmental impact. These alone should have negated Madison from consideration in the first place.

Even though I can currently watch the F-16s fly right over my house which is just a couple of blocks outside the new 65 DNL lines, for me, this is really about the false economic promises to the community.

At a time when we should be focusing all our attention, money, and resources on Climate Chaos solutions,

1. The F-35 project nationwide is projected to cost 1.6 TRILLION DOLLARS. Cost overruns are common. Each plane costs nearly \$100 million to build, and each flight costs \$42,000. **As a society we cannot justify that when we have domestic needs that are not being met.**

And, if that were not the case:

1. The number of new jobs created is estimated to be 64. **The economic benefits to our community are minimal and do not outweigh the costs in any case.** Dane County taxpayers pay \$201.33 million per year for the F-35 program, which will provide no more than \$5 million per year in jobs.

I can find no argument to justify subjecting anyone to this, particularly here in Madison. Even the manufacturer of this plane states that it should not be stationed in a urban setting.

Peace,
Dace A. Zeps
3013 Worthington Ave
Madison, WI 53714-1635
608-358-2940

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life." - Jane Addams

"As long as all people and critters are fed and safe, all other work will always be there tomorrow." ~ Shannon Hayes, Radical Homemakers

Veldran, Lisa

From: Paul Cochran <PaulCochra@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets

Hello

I live on the east side and I oppose the proposal to have F-35 flying over Madison. The noise level will be unacceptable.

Thank you

Paul Cochran

5118 E. Buckeye Road

Madison WI

53716

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Another Reason to Oppose the F-35A Jets - John Nichols: F-35 project is the military-industrial complex at its worst.

[From today's Capital Times: John Nichols: F-35 project is the military-industrial complex at its worst](#)

The F-35 project is an example of commercial greed at its most indefensible. It has no place in Madison or anywhere else in Wisconsin.

From: jonathan braden <jonbraden@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose F-35 beddown in Madison

Madison is a beautiful, vibrant city, it is not a good location for the f-35 program. Supersonic jets with high noise levels carrying armaments are not compatible with an urban area where so many residents will be adversely impacted when things go according to plan, when something goes awry, not according to plan, an accident, there are too many lives at stake, this is a risk we cannot afford as a city.

Jon Braden
156 Dixon st.
Madison Wi 53704

From: Holly Cohn <hollycohn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:53 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F-35's

I live in district 6 and I oppose having the F-35's at Truax for multiple reasons. The potential environmental impact on the surrounding housing, causing this area to be unlivable is appalling.

The increased noise, the environmental hazards of PFAs, the cost to examine for contaminants and then remediate, a possible accident over a city, whether these planes will or will not carry weapons if called upon at a time of threat, and the questionable cost of the entire F-35 project.

Thank you,
Holly Cohn
3014 Oakridge Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Finn Ryan <finnryan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:54 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F35 resolution

I support the resolution opposing the basing of the F35s at Truax Field. I live in the flight path to the south of the main runway. Noise from the F16s frequently interrupts activity, conversation, and sleep at my house and my children's schools. The F35s will be louder according to the EIS. The increased noise will disproportionately impact low income and minority communities and make many homes incompatible with residential use. This impact alone should exclude Truax Field from consideration.

In addition, the Wisconsin Air National Guard refuses to address current PFAS contamination at their base. This contamination is impacting surface and groundwater in the City of Madison and must be addressed by the Wisconsin Air National Guard immediately.

Thank you,
Finn Ryan
Atwood
Madison, WI

From: Anne Beal <anne-basil@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:54 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

Dear Alder Rummel and other alders,

I am writing in opposition to having F-35s at Truax Field.

As an east sider, I am of course negatively effected by the current noise of jets overhead. Looking at the maps of expected impact, I am concerned that I will be even more effected by the F-35s. This effects the enjoyment of my property, and may reduce my (and others') property's value.

I am also concerned about the particular negative impact these jets would have on lower income people, who live closer to the airfield, and have fewer choices about where to live.

It is also my understanding that these jets are unnecessary and another example of military overspending, with little benefit to the community.

Thank you for your attention to this email. Please vote against having F35s at Truax Field and in Madison.

Sincerely,
Anne Beal

From: Susanne Ripple Welke <susan.welke@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:57 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please support NO resolution on F-35s.

Hello Mayor and Alderpersons,

Thank you for being politically engaged and doing the work that you do.

We and our families have lived on the west side since the 1950's. We moved to the north side 3 years ago to reduce our cost of living. Most of the family still lives west. The north side is very diverse, which we enjoy. This diverse area is finally being discovered and property values are increasing. Please don't impose on the north and east sides the increase in horrendous noise and vibration from the F-35s and increased flights. The F-16s we accept, even though at times they are so low over our house that the house shakes. We cover our ears when they fly over. The noise is deafening. Please let us be a strong area of Madison for families, schools, broad areas of the economy, and our public spaces, all of which will be damaged by the noise level and frequency of the F-35 flights.

There is no credible indicator of how many jobs will remain at Truax, but indications are that all will remain. Madison has low unemployment and jobs promised should not be a consideration. INSTEAD, please consider what it is like for the many thousands of us who live on the North and East sides, within 2 miles of the airport. Do not subject us to the unacceptable increase in thunderous noise and vibration from the F-35s .

Please don't support the F35s for patriotic reasons. We love our country, and understand the need for a strong military. There are bases much less urban owned by the military which are appropriate for this new aircraft. Madison is not. If you question this, come to our house and experience the F-16s for yourself.

Please support the NO resolution presented tonight by our 6 alders. It is your duty to do what's right for this large population that lives in the city you represent.

Sincerely,
Susanne Ripple Welke
Kurt Welke
1409 Lake View Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Trish Haza <trishenaix@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support resolution 57364 v2

Dear Madison Alders:

I am Trish Haza and I live at 3238 Thorp Street, Madison WI 53714 and have called the east side of Madison home for 33 years. I am writing you today to ask you to **support the Common Council Resolution Opposing the F-35A Fighter Jets at Truax Field**

I have been working hard to stay informed on this issue. I believe the negative impact on our community and environment way outweigh the positives. My top two concerns are the negative health effects for the east side citizens and the negative environmental effects to both our air and water. I believe the best location for these jets in the State of Wisconsin is Volk Airfield.

The Air Force has released for public comment a draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the impacts of the proposed beddown of a squadron of new F-35 fighter jets at existing Air National Guard bases in Wisconsin, Idaho, Florida, Michigan and Alabama. The Wisconsin base at Truax Field would receive a squadron of 18 fighter jets. Of the five sites evaluated in the EIS, Truax Field has the greatest environmental justice and health impacts due the low-income and minority families that live adjacent to the county airport and thousands of residents who live on the east and north sides of Madison.

There are so many reasons to oppose Truax Field as a location for these new jets. Many of these are clearly presented in the draft EIS. I ask you to support the Common Council resolution opposing Truax Field at a site these new jets.

Here are some of my reasons for opposing these jets:

The existing noise due to current fighter jets and county airport operations is already unacceptable.

This project promotes environmental racism.

Our children will be especially vulnerable to the effects of this project.

The Air Force and Air National Guard will provide no funds for noise abatement.

Operations at Truax Field are responsible for contaminating local groundwater with fire-fighting chemicals, including PFAS, requiring the shutdown of Well 15. This is not a good track record.

Madison residents are actively working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage more people to live in the city. Madison and Dane County currently lead Wisconsin in population growth. Rather than encouraging people to live where they work and play, the F-35A squadron will make the city a less desirable place to live and promote urban sprawl, unsustainable lifestyles and global warming.

Please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the use of Truax Field for the proposed F-35A fighter jets.

Trish Haza
3238 Thorp St
Madison WI 53714

From: Stacey Carroll <scarroll8787@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

Dear Madison alders,

I am writing you to let you know that I am in favor of the F35's coming to Madison. Truax Field is basically a big employer in the community and Madison cannot afford to lose another big employer like it did with Oscar Mayer. Not only does the base provide employment to thousands of Madison/Dane county residents but it also provides a sense of pride for our state and country. Everytime I have been at an event and they play the star spangled banner I get goosebumps for the pride I have for my country, and if by chance there is a flyover.....it is an amazing!!! I golf on the east side and everytime the F16's fly over we all stop and stare in awe and pride of our military right here in Madison. Everyone says they support the military yet they are trying to take away their jobs and homes. If the F35's do not come here, the base will have to close and those military families will have to move to another state. So not only will that hurt the military families but also our own economy. We need the F35's to continue to grow our economy and community.

Thanks,
Stacey Carroll

Veldran, Lisa

From: kevinwest1874 <kevinwest1874@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Katelyn West; All Alders
Subject: Re: We support the F-35 Mission!

I agree with Katelyn West. This is such a big opportunity for the community!

I am retired from the Air Force, from Wisconsin and i can attest to what this opportunity brings!!!

1. \$\$\$\$ looking at billions, not millions
2. A group of disciplined citizens who love contributing to the communities
3. Wonderful moral, value and principled centered people!!! Not just their money. Their skills, education, love and commitment!!!

I am 62 years old with over 35 years of military & public service. I love Wisconsin and the Sun Prairie area!

Please allow this to happen for my children and grandchildren and so many more!

You will never regret allowing this to take place! I support the F-35 Mission and the 115th Fighter Wing and the contributions they bring!

Sincerely,

KEVIN S. WEST
SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
601-649-8259

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

----- Original message -----

From: Katelyn West <katelyn.l.west@gmail.com>
Date: 9/16/19 9:31 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: allalders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: We support the F-35 Mission!

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my unwavering support for the F-35s and the incredible revenue they will bring to Madison and the surrounding communities. The opposing resolution not only hurts our local economy, but it goes against the one thing we should all be unified in- supporting our troops and the defense of this nation. Especially following remembrance of September 11, 2001, it should be fresh in our minds what the enemies of America are capable of and the importance in have a strong military and unwavering civilian support of our troops.

We support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission!!!

Respectfully,

Katelyn West
katelyn.l.west@gmail.com
608-770-1377

From: billp@wisav.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:04 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: 'Jeff Baum'
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Honorable Alders of Madison:

Please allow me to respectfully offer my take-away from the Public Comment event held last week as you consider the issue of the F-35 aircraft basing out of Dane County Regional Airport.

Attending the open forum last week it was quite apparent that there exists very considerable citizen support, many living in the nearby neighborhood, for the 115th fighter wing in general and the F-35 specifically. While there may be some very vocal opposers in your districts, the number of supporters publicly commenting at the open forum was 3-1 FOR the aircraft basing in Madison.

Trust that you'll bear that in mind as you consider the question before you this evening and remember that you are voted in to office to represent us all!

Thank you for your attention,

Bill Peterson
Citizen/Voter

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Green <adj@vfwwi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:05 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars Support FOR the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission
Attachments: F 35.pdf

Common Council
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Noon, 17 September, 2019

Dear Aldermen and Alderwomen of the City of Madison,

The United States' military strength is its biggest deterrence to war. There are no people in Wisconsin that want war less than those who have deployed and fought. The Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars will always support in favor of providing our men and women of the US Military the best advantage to survive future battles and when possible, to overwhelm any adversary. The F-35 mission will bring an unmatched advantage overall to the readiness of our highly deployable National Guard and Reserve Forces in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin VFW and its 27,000 members stand in favor of the F-35 mission coming to Truax field and urge all Wisconsin citizens to bear the small burden to deter war and in the event of war, secure victory.

Donald Lynch
State Commander, Wisconsin
Veterans of Foreign Wars

See attached, signed letter to the Common Council



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Common Council
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald J. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald Lynch
State Commander, Wisconsin
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Alysha Kenney <eddiecharlie1318@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax Field

To whom it may concern,

I would like to see the alder's support the F-35's coming to Truax Field. It would be a great loss to our surrounding area economically if they didn't and closed. Too many jobs would be lost.

Thank you Alysha

From: Eric Johnson <ejsawmill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: F35's should be based at the 115th

In no uncertain terms should a few progressives that knew what living near an airport would mean be able to stop the F-35's being based in Madison. To turn down the possibility of being chosen for this opportunity is an epic disappointment.

Please return to your hemp issues and leave the protection of the country to the adults in the room..

From: Jay Tucker <jamesraytucker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No F-35's at Truax

Dear Alders,

I live in the Eken Park neighborhood and I agree that the following concerns should be considered:

The existing noise due to current fighter jets and county airport operations is already unacceptable.

This project promotes environmental racism.

Our children will be especially vulnerable to the effects of this project.

The Air Force and Air National Guard will provide no funds for noise abatement.

Operations at Truax Field are responsible for contaminating local groundwater with fire-fighting chemicals, including PFAS, requiring the shutdown of Well 15. This is not a good track record.

Madison residents are actively working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage more people to live in the city. Madison and Dane County currently lead Wisconsin in population growth. Rather than encouraging people to live where they work and play, the F-35A squadron will make the city a less desirable place to live and promote urban sprawl, unsustainable lifestyles and global warming.

Please support Madison residents and approve the resolution opposing the use of Truax Field for the proposed F-35A fighter jets.

Thank you,

Jay Tucker

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate Brethauer <bretdk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F 35

I wish to voice my support for resolution opposing the F 35 s in Madison.
I live on the east side and worry about noise pollution as well as emissions from these machines.
Thank you
Mary Brethauer
42 Dixon Street
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Alex Singer <alexcsinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: supporting resolution in opposition of F35s

Please (continue to) oppose allowing the F35s to be based in Madison.

Thank you,
Alex Singer
410 Luster Ave, Madison 53704

From: Lisa Brown <ryanlisabrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

Hello,

Our family lives in the flight path and support the f35 project coming to the 115th base 100%!!! We need protection and jobs for our amazing military presence in this community.

Thank you,

Lisa Brown

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sonja Moskalik <sonjamoskalik@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s

Please vote no
Sonja Moskalik
746 E Gorham St
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amy Moran <kaplanmoranlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

I support the progressive resolution regarding not flying F-35s in and over the City.

Thank You.

Regards,
Amy Moran
926 Emerald St.
Madison, 53715

From: Joan kemble <tomjoankemble@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:15 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35

General Information

Name: Joan kemble
Address: 4211 School Rd
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 860-796-8746
Work Phone:
Email: tomjoankemble@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alders,

Your vote tonight on rejection of the F 35 in Madison may be the most important vote of your tenure. It will demonstrate whether you stand up for your values or just give lip service. Think of the effects on low and middle income folks and many people of color in and around the "dead" zone. They are your Madisonians.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: J Wakefield <metalbrock@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 jets

Oppose F35 jets at Truax.

John B. Wakefield
5710 Blacksmith Lane
Madison, Wisconsin 53716

Sent from my iPhone

From: Barb Irvin <barb.irvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Resolution #57364 V2

Dear Alders -

I'm writing in support of the resolution opposing the placement of the F35 jets at Truax Field.

Noise: As a former longtime east-side resident, I have experienced the disruption of the noise from commercial jets and the F16s. When I first lived there, the Air National Guard only flew 3 jets on Wednesdays. Over time, the number of jets and flights increased. I can't imagine the noise level of the F35s at 4 times the noise of the F16s. And there will be far more jets as well. I know from experience that the current flyovers are very disruptive to the children at the Goodman Community Center. And the flight patterns change depending on the wind so far more of the City will be affected than just the area highlighted in the EIS report.

Social injustice: I am very concerned that the residents and schools most affected are in lower income neighborhoods. The city already has a dearth of affordable housing and this will decrease that stock. And to have no recourse for the people in the mobile homes is completely unacceptable. They will have nowhere to go.

Environmental impact: The level of contamination from the Air National Guard and standard airport operations is already a problem. There will be more chemicals with the new jets.

Loss of property value: People buy houses on the eastside recognizing that there is a certain level of noise from the airport; however, no one expected that the level of noise would increase so substantially. Property values will decrease dramatically and some may not be able to even sell if they are close the "dead zone". No city would ever site an airport so close to residential areas and many have moved their airports far out of town. And those airports don't have the elevated noise levels of a fighter jet. So we should not be increasing the impact of our nearly urban airport.

Safety: Takeoff and landing are the most dangerous times of a flight and the possibility of a jet going down in the City is completely unacceptable. The risk is simply too great.

Thank you for your support of this resolution.

Barb Irvin
1115 Drake St
Madison, WI 53715

Veldran, Lisa

From: jill innes <greysheva@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

To my city alders:

Madison Common council should approve the resolution opposing the placement of F-35s at Truax. These overpriced machines of destruction have no place in an urban neighborhood.

Thank you all for your hard work,
Jill Innes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Cherri Wiley <aimlesslady@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

I would like to oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing and show my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

Cherri Wiley
Deforest, WI

From: Alexis London <alexislondon@bayviewfoundation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support resolution to oppose F 35s at Truax

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing to express my strong opposition to bringing the F-35s to Truax Field. The deafening noises, air and water pollution in an area of Madison that includes some of the lowest income and diverse residents doesn't make any sense and goes against Madison ideals such as equity and environmental progressiveness. I have lived in the northside's Sherman Neighborhood for move 12 years. My house is currently in the F-16 flight path which already is a major concern due to the early morning exercises and deafening noise. I can't even fathom the detrimental auditory and negative quality of life impact of the F-35s in the community. The northside of Madison is finally experiencing a boom with new businesses opening on a regular basis and more and more families with small children moving to the area. Please don't limit the growth, beauty and quality of life (livability) on the northside. Please oppose the F-35 program at Truax and vote for the resolution.

Thanks,
Alexis London
1825 Melrose St, Madison, WI

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Alexis London

Executive Director

Bayview International Center for Education and the Arts

601 Bayview

Madison, WI 53715

608-256-7808

www.bayviewfoundation.org

From: margamini@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Heck, Patrick
Cc: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Resolution re: siting of F-35s at Truax

Dear Alder Heck and colleagues,

I am an owner/occupant of a small rental property at 454 N Few Street in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood, and have lived in Madison since 1984, mostly on the east side. I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship of resolution 57364 v4, and to request that the rest of the Council, particularly Alders Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Sheri Carter, Christian A. Albournas, Shiva Bidar, Keith Furman, Lindsay Lemmer, Arvina Martin and Donna V. Moreland support this substitute, rather than the alternative they have proposed.

Both the EIS itself and City of Madison staff report makes it clear that the siting of F-35s at Truax would have a disparate impact on low income communities, people of color, and children. The city of Madison staff report points out that the EIS **underestimates these impacts**. Look to your own staff's report for an analysis of the EIS.

Look to the Northside Planning Council for its comments on the economic impact of the siting, most particularly the lack of an assessment of the economic impact on our city, county and state. Look at the closure of Well 15, the cost of remediation of that well, and the Air Force's refusal to respond to requests for information and participation in the assessment of the source and impact of PFAS on our water supply.

Mitigation of noise by changing the flight paths is impossible. The airport is surrounded by human communities, and natural ones. Changing the flight path to avoid the Sherk Atwood neighborhood shifts it to Eastmoreland and Hawthorne neighborhoods, and so forth. I am not interested in simply shifting the impact from one neighborhood to another.

Remediation of our drinking water; devaluation or outright demolition of housing stock, which is already tight; enormous air pollution generated when the F-35s are in flight; devaluation of neighborhoods on the north and east sides, which we have spent decades rebuilding, and have decades more to go; devaluation of the East Washington corridor, just as we are looking at investing millions into BRT, and have already invested millions into the redevelopment of vacant or industrial properties into residential, recreational and commercial uses.

How is this not yet another shift of the burden of providing public services from the Federal government, and corporate and income taxes, onto local property taxes?

If it weren't so nauseating I would find it laughable that those who fancy themselves fiscal conservatives, attending city budget hearings in cute little baseball cap to symbolize their desire to cut the city budget are now wearing a different little cap, cheerleading for a project that even military hawks Sen. John McCain have called out as one of the most flawed, and the most expensive defense project in world history.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-went-wrong-with-the-f-35-lockheed-martins-joint-strike-fighter/>

Alder Heck, I appreciate your leadership on this issue, and your refusal to compound our many issues with environmental racism, K-12 education, water quality, air quality, economic development and housing affordability. I hope Alders Harrington-McKinney, Bidar, Carter, Albournas, Furman, Lemmer, Martin, Moorland and the rest of the council will come around on this resolution as well.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bergamini

454 N Few St
Madison, WI 53703

From: Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I support NO F-35s in Madison. Thank you.

For many reasons, noise is the most unforgivable, I urge you to oppose having F-35s in Madison.

From: Mary Horkan <maryehorkan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

As a neighbor to Madison's north side(DeForest) I firmly support the F-35's coming to Truax. This decision affects far more people than who live directly around the airport and certainly the future of Truax. Please oppose any resolution that inhibits the future of this important asset to our county and country.

Mary Horkan
3851 Sunny Wood Drive
DeForest, WI 53532

From: Keith Hofkens <keith_hofkens@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing? Absolutely!

Good Morning,

I'm emailing to express my support of basing the F-35 at Truax Field in Madison. Although I can definitely empathize with the concern over increased noise, I am concerned that we might be missing the forest through the trees - the benefits (for the base, city, state, and nation) over the past century, and would be guaranteed in the near future with the F-35, need to be considered and appropriately balanced with the recent uptick in concerns.

The F-35 ensures a future for a base that beyond national defense provides our community Emergency Medical Services, All-Hazards Response and Disaster Recover, Explosive Ordinance Disposal, First Responder Support, Cyber Security and Incident Response, Emergency Mobile Communications, Counter Drug and Response Oversight, Search and Rescue, and probably most notably our Dane County Regional Airport Fire Department. DCRA's Fire Department is 90% federally funded (thanks to the fighter wing flying mission) and provides emergency response capabilities for ~95,000 incoming and outgoing flights each year (90% of which are private and commercial - non-military) and emergency support to more than 1.5 million passengers who fly in and out of Madison annually.

Perhaps our/your efforts should be focused on a successful support/mitigation strategy for those affected/concerned and to sustain the positive impacts (the Fighter Wing has on our Local Community), as opposed to eliminating something that so proudly supports the entire city, state, and nation to appease the concerns of such a small percentage of our fellow citizens.

Let's come together as a community to support our neighbors affected by this transition, but do so in a manner that doesn't sacrifice the significant benefits we all share!

Sincere thanks for your service to our community and all that you do!

-Keith

From: Patty Ellefson <ellefsonpatty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 mission

Dear Alders,

I support the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission at Truax Field. The economic impact for Madison and the surrounding communities is clearly positive.

Without their presence, how will you pay for fire protection for the Dane County airport?

Thank you,

Pat Ellefson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Hertzfeldt, Mark <Mark_Hertzfeldt@CINFIN.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:38 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution to Oppose F-35A in Madison

Dear Alders of Madison:

I am writing to voice my opinion and urge you to NOT oppose the F-35A coming to Madison.

The current F-16 has been operating at Truax Field/Madison Dane County Airport for the past 27 years and the A-10 prior to that – why the sudden opposition to the F-35 is a mystery to me. The F-35 will continue a mutually beneficial relationship with the Wisconsin Air National Guard and the City of Madison that has been ongoing for the past 70 years.

Please allow the tradition between the citizen soldiers of the WIANG and Madison continue by welcoming the F-35 to our community.

Respectfully requesting your support,

Mark Hertzfeldt
22-year Air Force Veteran
Sauk City, WI

From: Thomas Huismann <tomhuismann@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: The 115 Fighter Wing and the F-35

To the Alders of the City of Madison:

I am proud to be a resident on the north side of Madison, and I live very close to the Dane County Regional Airport. I have been a member of the community for over 25 years.

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In the event of a national emergency, the members of the 115 Fighter Wing are called upon to protect us and to provide needed emergency services. In September, 2018, members of the 115 Fighter Wing responded to the historic flooding, which placed Middleton and other communities west of Madison, under water. In September, 2006, two pilots responded to a potential threat over the City of Chicago. Many more examples of how the 115 Fighter Wing has protected all of us, and has responded to potential threats, can be sighted.

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The F-35 ensures that the 115 Fighter Wing, a major Madison employer, paying excellent wages, benefits and educational opportunities, will be around for many years to come, long after all of you Alders and I, are gone. As often happens at 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 home to a number of companies that used to be based in Madison. Please do not lose another major Madison employer, especially one that pays excellent wages and benefits.

Regarding noise, the FAA 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 actually generate more noise, for a longer period of time, than the F-16 ever has. As a newer aircraft, the F-35 is also a more efficient, and fewer are needed to accomplish the mission, than the F-16.

Noise and its possible negative impact on low-income housing has been expressed. I find this concern very ironic, considering the fact that the closest low-income housing to the airport is actually on the grounds of the former Truax Air Force Base, specifically, south and east of the corner of Anderson and Wright Streets, right across from the Madison Area Technical College—essentially on the grounds of DCRA. That low-income housing was formerly base housing for people assigned to Truax Air Force Base.

Many years ago, the City of Madison, with the approval of Alders, converted the former base housing into low-income housing. A few years ago, the City, with Alder approval, added more new low-income housing to that same area. This begs the question, if the F-35 as many erroneously claim, is going to make all of that housing uninhabitable, why did the Alders and the City approve low-income housing for that specific area? That low-income housing is on the grounds of the DCRA. It is an airport, there are commercial jet aircraft, corporate jets, and the 115 Fighter Wing, and there is occasional noise. However, the noise is not constant.

At many times, DCRA is very quiet place. The City of Madison, and its Alders are responsible for the placement of low-income housing, and if it has been placed in an unacceptable and uninhabitable area, the City of Madison, and Alders, should relocate it to a more suitable area. The low-income housing south and east of Anderson and Wright Streets could then be converted into an area for small start-ups, clean industry, office and retail space, and more usable space for MATC.

Please do not oppose something just for the sake of opposing something. Before you make your decision on whether or not to support the 115 Fighter Wing, and future basing of the F-35, as a citizen of Madison, I urge you to get all of the facts. Please contact the 115 Fighter Wing and the Badger Air Community Council and learn more about the issue, before you vote.

Please be open minded, and carefully consider both sides of this issue. This issue involves much more than just the basing of the F-35. Consider the economics and the jobs--1200 jobs and an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. Consider the security and community support the 115 Fighter Wing provides.

Please work to preserve a major employer, the 115 Fighter Wing, a superb organization and one of the best in the United States Air Force. Please support the men and women of the 115 Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, who have been serving and supporting the Madison community, and our State and Nation, since 1948.

Sincerely,

Tom Huismann

From: Kate Fox <katefox@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution that opposes the F-35

Good Afternoon,

I have lived and worked in Madison and the surrounding area for the majority of my life, and all of my adult life. I strongly oppose the resolution that opposes the F-35.

Respectfully,

Kate Fox

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jan Sternbach <sternbachj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:50 PM
To: All Alders; county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com
Subject: F-35's

I am writing to register my very strong opposition to the F-35 proposal for multiple reasons. I am limiting my comments only to tangible and measurable issues, although it is my firm belief that there are other very serious ethical and practical concerns that I could address with equal urgency.

- The areas of greatest impact, as identified by the Air Force themselves, has the greatest negative impact on parts of our community that are already struggling to improve the day to day experience of living in the neighborhoods.
- In such a populated area, a boundary of "greatest impact" where there is a possibility of residential noise abatement is arbitrary, even if the government guidelines did not exclude what they refer to as "temporary housing". The mobile homes most impacted are not permanent under this definition -- yet they are among the least expensive homes in a rapidly dwindling affordable housing market, and are as permanent as any housing for renters and low-income home owners.
- The dismissive argument that the noise "is no louder than a rock concert" begs the question of appropriate, liveable noise at any hour during the day. As it is, the current F-16's put a stop to conversations I can have while in my yard or with my windows open. They are not limited to a few nights a month, for three or so hours, which is what we would expect of an approved rock concert in a residential neighborhood. Having lived within hearing distance of Camp Randall stadium, on the near east side in "festival corridor", and now under the F16 flight path, I am able to speak to the way different parts of the city are expected to accept special-occasion noise. And I, like most residents, am happy to adjust to such special occasions. However, the F35s noise would not be limited to specific times and special occasions. I cannot imagine the response if, say, the F35s were to regularly fly over the neighborhoods and schools surrounding the stadium.
- Even a cursory search for concerns about the technical safety and challenges of the F35s reveals substantial questions and concerns raised *within* the defense industry. Articles in "Defense News:", for instance, have addressed these issues at length.
- We are already struggling with our ability to remediate contamination from Truax. It is inconceivable that the F35's would not exacerbate or contribute to continued issues. Madison is already teetering on serious health concerns with our water quality.

Finally, I would like to point out that support for F35s has nothing to do with respecting our military -- a topic that has been raised on my neighborhood list serve with some passion. Real respect might be seen in increased support and kept promises to veterans, with adequate and accessible health care, social and mental health support, educational opportunities for real non-military employment, better housing for active military, and so forth.

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jan Sternbach
4603 Maher Ave.
Madison WI 53716
sternbachj@gmail.com

From: Morgan Young <morganeyoung@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s at Truax

General Information

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Work Phone:
Email: morganeyoung@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Council vote to OPPOSE bringing the F35s to Truax Field. If it comes to it, please support Resolution V4, explicitly voicing opposition.

While I don't live in an area identified as having the most direct impact from this proposal, I have great concerns about the interests at play and the extreme ramifications for the communities that would be most affected. It is not insignificant that these communities are disproportionately populated by people of color and those identified as low-income. We would not be having the same conversations if other areas in the city were in the zones identified in the EIS.

The findings of the EIS, which are admittedly understated, are the tip of the iceberg for the snowball of issues that bringing the F35s to the base would likely cause. The benefits are not great enough - the base will not close and jobs will not be lost if the F35s are not here. The minimal increase in jobs that comes with this proposal does not outweigh the extreme environmental impact of the project or decreased quality of life for too many residents.

This is not a good fit for Madison and it's citizens. I strongly encourage you to oppose F35s at Truax.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Lori Checki <lchecki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:57 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for 115th Fighter Wing

Alders:

I'm writing to express my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I respectfully request that you oppose the resolution put forward that opposes the F-35 mission.

The Air National Guard is too important to our country, our local economy, and to our service members.

Sincerely,
Lori Checki

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mary Ebeling <mrebeling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:00 PM
To: All Alders

Good afternoon,

Although I had already sent a note urging the council to support the resolution against the F35 squadron, it has come to my attention that there are several versions of the resolution.

With that knowledge I urge as strongly as I can for support for the Foster/Kemble V4 opposing the F35 squadron at Truax. Don't be fooled by version 3. Although it looks similar, it does not oppose the F-35s, which is a must. It also pushes a myth that the EIS presents a worst case scenario. That is a lie. The EIS describes its analysis as likely outcomes based on an objective analysis. We must not allow this scenario to play out in a city we all love.

Thank you.

Mary

From: James Barger <34ihcpirsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

The purpose of my email is to show my support for the F-35 project at Truax Field. In as much as I know the resolution is to demonstrate support for your citizenry in that area, I believe the bigger picture here is more important. Truax field and its military component has been there longer than most of us have been around and will most likely be there long past us. When people move into the area around the airport they know the potential for noise and all of the other residual support mechanisms for that area and should realize there will be noise. I recognize that the switch to the F-35 will bring a bit more noise to the area but that noise is for very short derations and is not a constant on-going noise. In my opinion it would be wiser to not allow residential in the area of concern.

I'm not a resident of Madison as I live currently in Stoughton. I am in that area on a somewhat regular basis due to my employer and enjoy hearing/seeing all of the aircraft coming and going, especially the military aircraft. As someone once said; "the sound of freedom" which is a small price to pay for our freedom and Wisconsin's role in helping to maintain that.

I see this as one of those "not in my back yard" issues where the matter is supported but not in their immediate area. Let it be built or performed elsewhere though seems acceptable.

James F. Barger
1808 Cedarbrook Lane
Stoughton, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Christopher Babiarz <christopherbabiarz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: FYI: I oppose F-35s in Madison

I also support the resolution in opposition of F-35s in Madison that is on the docket for tonight's council meeting.

Thanks,

Christopher Babiarz, PhD
153 Division Street #2
Madison WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: doroathy1630 <doroathy1630@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote No for f35's! The sound barrier is bad now with the F16's! Please say no

Thank you. Dorothy Brennecke

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

From: Fabiola Hamdan <fabiohamdan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Dear Alder Lemmers,

I would like to let you know that I support future viability of Truax Field and the potential arrival of F35s. I have lived in my house for over 20 years and have always heard the jet noise. It is part of living in our area and we have raised two children without any issues.

I thank you for your service and all you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Fabiola Hamdan

13 Swanton Rd.

Madison, WI 53714

From: Timothy Kenney <kenney1880@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Truax F35's

All,

Tim Kenney here. I work at the 128th Air Refueling Wing full time as an aircraft mechanic here in Milwaukee. I also reside in Milwaukee and I'm a strong veteran advocate locally.

If we lost the F35 at the 115th, who is our main aerial refueling customer, it could directly impact our mission here in Milwaukee. Which is something i'm proud to be a part of. I work, play and pray here in Milwaukee and I hope you think about what is really at stake here.

Thank you for your service and time,

Tim Kenney
414-303-0992
Milwaukee, WI.

From: Cherie Miller <cherpm@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:11 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution 57364

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I oppose the proposal to bring F35s to Dane Cty airport. There are many reasons why this would be problematic for residents of the NE side of Madison. I want to address the impact to Cherokee Marsh. As well as impacting schools and homes, the quality of our air and water, the noise levels of these jets would affect wildlife. Cherokee Marsh is one of only a few natural areas accessible from Madison without the use of a car. The health benefits of quiet and outdoor activities should not be limited to wealthier citizens.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: mllandin@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

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Sincerely,
Michael Landin

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Todd Cottrill <f16_fixr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:27 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution to Oppose the F-35 Basing in Madison at Truax Field

To whom it may concern:

I am very disappointed to learn that some of our Madison City Council members are considering passing a resolution to oppose the F-35 fighter aircraft from being based in Madison.

I am a retired Master Sergeant (E-7) who worked on the Madison-based F-16s for 15 years and although I'm sure there are many factors driving this proposal, in my mind, the ONLY thing I can see that would be any different from the long stretch of service the F-16s have given us is the **noise** issue. I haven't done a lot of research on this but it seems like (from what I have read) the difference in noise is minimal and in my opinion, when residents become used to the slight increase in noise, it's going to be the new "norm" and after a couple of weeks or months, I'm sure it would then be "business as usual" and people won't notice it so much. It's not like we're flying them 24/7. To the best of my recollection from working on the flightline at Truax for all of my 15 years in the Air Guard, the ONLY time there are later take off times (later in the evening) are when the pilots require night mission training, which is NOT very often, considering. Or, when the unit is launching jets for a deployment overseas, which is also NOT very often.

To see many of my friends and former colleagues possibly have to sell their homes and move their families to another state to continue their service seems absolutely absurd, not to mention the millions of dollars in state revenue and taxes that come out of those salaries. I believe it will have a very detrimental effect on the City of Madison, the numerous surrounding communities, and the entire state as a whole.

For those of you who are opposed to the F-35 being based at Truax Field, I would ask you respectfully to reconsider this proposal. For those of you who are NOT opposed to the F-35 being located here, thank you for your consideration and backing.

Madison has a rich history of military aviation spanning over 70 years and I am certain that the vast majority of its citizens would be sad to see the 115th Fighter Wing move to another state or be disbanded altogether.

Thank you very much for your time,

Todd R. Cottrill, MSgt. (Ret.), USAF
947 Cottonwood Dr.
Stoughton, WI 53589-4112
Ph. 608-212-9217

From: Gwen Ebert <gwenebe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F35's

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I do not want the Badger Air Community Council to have a louder voice than the members of our community who live on the ground, under these flight pathways. I have paid taxes to live in a place where I value the quality of life. I oppose the F35s because their presence over my head and that of my neighbors violates/ pollutes our living space and that of our less affluent residents. Please do the right thing and OPPOSE the F35's.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Gwen Ebert <gwenebe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the F35's

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Recipient:
All Alders

From: Danielle Lawrence <snowbetty3@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing F35

Dear Alders,

As a Dane county community member and resident of Cottage Grove, I would like to express my support regarding the F-35 at the 115th Fighter Wing (FW). The 115th FW along with the entire Wisconsin National Guard supports so many programs within the state. I fear without the F-35, our state will be negatively impacted due to the eventual loss of these support programs.

For example, the 115th FW provides domestic operations in direct support of the entire Midwest. They are the primary and only protection of our airspace from Canada down through Chicago. They also support our state, neighboring states, and other states when disasters strike. They have played a direct role in supporting Madison residents when power was lost for several days this year. They provide support to Wisconsin to prevent and provide relief when our state has had flooding disasters. And I am proud of them when I hear they are providing support to states like Florida when there is risk of hurricanes, tornados, etc. They work directly with Wisconsin Emergency Management state employees to plan, train, and implement support for many types of disaster and domestic operations.

The 115th FW plays a significant role in providing Fire Fighter services to the Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA). If we lose their support, how much will my taxes be increased to fund the eventual replacement of these services? Additionally, the Wisconsin National Guard supports the maintenance and improvement of the Dane County Regional Airports runways.

The members of the 115th FW are members of this community. They own business and are employed as civilians in this community. Their children attend the Madison area schools. They purchase all their daily needs from the stores in our community. What losses are we prepared to see if the 115th FW is no longer sustainable because their jets are out dated? Even if the FW remains in place without the F-35, how much will it scale back in personnel and programs in support of our community? How does that effect our states ability to provide domestic support when disaster strike again (i.e. tornados, snow storms, potential commercial aircraft disaster at the DCRA)?

I support the F-35 coming to Madison.

Most sincerely,
Danielle Lawrence
Resident of Cottage Grove

Danielle Lawrence, MS, LAT
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608-334-9016

From: Jeff Brunkow <jeff.brunkow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:34 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: I support the F-35 at Truax Field

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I support the F-35 being in Madison. I am against the resolution opposing the F-35 basing in Madison.
We need this for our economy and for our Air National Guard.

Jeff Brunkow

From: Greg Abbott <greg@gabbott.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing F-35 basing

I understand that you will soon consider a resolution that opposes the F-35 basing in Madison.

I urge you to NOT support this resolution. Madison and Dane County have a rich history with the 115th Fighter Wing and the proposed resolution could result in the relocation of the 115th and along with it numerous jobs, not to mention the tax dollars generated by the air crews and support staffs that live in our community. The basing of the F-35 will increase the number of staff members in our community.

The F-35 mission is critical to the safety and security of our nation and the Military has determined that Madison is ideally positioned to help in this mission. The positives of basing the F-35 here certainly outweigh any negative (and short duration) impact on our community.

Again, please DO NOT support the resolution to oppose the F-35 being based in Madison.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jeremiah Cahill <jcahill123@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 placement

I urge you to support resolution 57364 opposing siting F35 combat aircraft at Truax filed, for the reasons stated in that resolution. There are better options for the Truax Air National Guard, and these need to be explored fully.

Thank you--

Jeremiah Cahill
6314 Offshore Drive, Madison, 53705

From: Marcia <cocoon@mwt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F 35's

Greetings,

I support the progressive alders standing for communities and the safety of Madison citizens. Already the existing planes and military activities destroyed the safety of Madison's water supplies. Do not permit an even greater threat to the livability of our state capital.

While I do not live in Madison I went to the University of Madison and still feel connected to it. Please protect it.

Sincerely,

Marcia Halligan

S4001 River Road

Viroqua, WI. 54665



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From: Mary Vernon <marykvernon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Mary Vernon
Address: 1900 Arlington Place
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53726
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: marykvernon@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Please oppose the location of the F-35s at Truax Field.
Here are my reasons for making that request:

I personally find the noise level from the F-16s excruciating, and can't imagine continuing to live in Madison if the F-35s are brought here. And I don't live in the flight path except during football games. It's long been known that high noise levels are associated with hearing loss. As increasing noise levels continue to be imposed and normalized all over our country, the loudspeakers on ordinary flights are being set to very high levels because many people are no longer able to hear the pilot's announcements at the settings that worked well as recently as a couple of years ago. Given this health hazard and the skyrocketing health care costs in our country, I don't believe it's prudent or patriotic to put F-35 training centers close to any major population center, including Madison. There are many small population centers that are wonderful places for the airmen and their families to live. In addition to the noise factor, the the toxic emissions that contaminate our air, water and soil, also argue for locating the training flights at a greater distance from any population center or fertile farmland than Truax is from Madison and surrounding farms. Perhaps more importantly, recent studies have shown that Madison is currently one of the top cities nationwide for attracting millennials, showing that the people in Dane County have succeeded in building a very attractive economic base for young people as well as for Wisconsin and the U.S. As in previous generations, high achieving millennials put a priority on the wellbeing and happiness of themselves and their children, which is why Madison ranks highly with them today. Locating the F-35s here will surely undercut, if not reverse that economic expansion. The millennials and those who employ them will find other locations in other states to thrive in, but relocation will slow down the economic expansion because the more effective base for expansion here was not built overnight. In this context, the political leaders who claim it's beneficial to place the F-16s and F-35s at Truax have sold out to short-term corporate profits and to the ongoing transfer of financial wealth from the many to the few. Many talented and dedicated men and women in Dane County have worked hard over many decades to build a growing economic base that is needed and used to fund the F-16s and F-35s, not to mention the rest of our federal and state government budgets. It has been highly patriotic to build the base that pays for those State and national needs. Now we are being asked to "patriotically" undermine this thriving base. In my mind, for the above reasons, that advice is unwise, economically unsound and not the least bit patriotic or sensible.

Sincerely,
Mary Vernon
Madison resident

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Melody Niwot <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

General Information

Name: Melody Niwot
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State: WI
ZIP: 53703
Phone: 608-843-1250
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am writing to express my concern over the F-35 plans for Truax. I live on the East Side of Madison. With the current F-16s we regularly have to stop conversations in our home until the jets fly over. Nothing can be done or said or heard until they have passed. I am alarmed at what I have learned about the potential environmental impacts of the new jets, the increased noise, and its impact on communities, health, and property values. I see the costs as outweighing the benefits in this case and urge the council to support the resolution to stop the F-35 jet program.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Tom Osburn <netmantwo1951@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:59 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35s in Madison

My wife and I have lived on the east side of Madison all of our lives. We live with highway noise, Train noise and Jet noise, thunder and lightning. The sounds of a lively, active community are all around us. WE SUPPORT THE NEW F35s and everything that comes with them. If they need a home, let it be in Madison, Wi.

From: Ellen Kirt <lnkirt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alderpersons:

Please vote tonight to oppose the Air Force's plan to base a squadron of F-35s at Truax Field on Madison's Northside.

I live and work very close to Dane County Regional Airport and can attest to the fact that even the F-16s which are currently flying in and out of Truax cause severe issues to both my physical and mental well-being, as well as to the foundation and plastered walls of my 66 year old home.

The noise levels are already so high that I have to cover my ears if I happen to be outside when one of the current fighter jets flies over, and I can actually feel the vibrations in my body from the noise. This would be comparable to standing next to the speakers at a rock concert, not just being in the audience. And that is a personal choice, not one made by someone other than myself.

This cannot bode well for my health as an adult, let alone for children who live and go to school in this area or the very elderly who have limited ability to protect themselves.

If the F-35s are going to emit up to 110 decibels while flying overhead, we must not allow them to fly in or near Madison. Period. Not only will we lose businesses and the equity we have built in our homes over decades of living here, but we will end up with lawsuits against the US Air Force for loss of our hearing, our health and the quality of life we on Madison's Northside have strived all our lives to achieve.

I beg of you to oppose bringing the F-35s to Truax.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kirt
1521 Almo Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Patrick Kapla <pkapla@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:13 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: I OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION BANNING F-35 BASING IN MADISON

I OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION BANNING F-35 BASING IN MADISON

Patrick Kapla

University of Wisconsin MS 2020
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pkapla@wisc.edu

From: Jerry Thorsen <thorsenjerry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F- 35s Please read

Before deciding to petition against the F-35s at Truax, please check to know exactly how much time there will be noise. I believe it is only about 40 minutes each day counting take off and landing, and that is only on the days they fly, which is not every day of the week. That is important information that can be confirmed by checking with the Air Guard. Citizens are not being asked to tolerate noise constantly, instead for a rather short period of time, and not every day. Those dedicated soldiers, that sacrifice so much deserve our support!

Sincerely,

Jerry Thorsen

From: Mark Hetzler <markhetzler@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: No F-35's at Truax, please

Greetings,

I am writing to express my support of Alder Grant Foster's resolution "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown." I support Alder Foster's resolution and I am opposed to any effort to bring F-35's to Truax Field in Madison, WI for numerous reasons. I am a resident of Sun Prairie, WI and live within 9 minutes of the airport, and do not wish to have these machines negatively impact our quality of life. I also do not wish to have these machines negatively impact the quality of life for all residents on the East side of Madison. Please consider your constituents and the citizens of this area - we are hoping to continue to live in a wonderful community, and prefer to avoid any acts that would destroy this quality of life, especially any decisions prompted by economic motives that would not actually benefit a majority of citizens in this area. Thank you for your service and for listening to your public.

Cheers,
Mark Hetzler

Veldran, Lisa

From: Elaine Pridgen <mooneagle@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

General Information

Name: Elaine Pridgen
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Work Phone:
Email: mooneagle@charter.net
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please vote for the resolution sponsored by the alders representing the neighborhoods near the airport, Alders Abbas, Evers, Foster, Heck, Rummel, and Kemble.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cathie McClain <mcclainca@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 basing

Our family supports the 115th Fighter Wing where my husband served for over 30 years. We support the F-35 mission and hope you will also.

Sincerely,
Catherine McClain

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jason McDowell <cessnateur@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s

As a resident of a neighborhood directly underneath the approach path of runway 18/36 at MSN and subject to the noise of these jets, I wholeheartedly support their arrival at the 115th Fighter Wing.

Despite living in one of the areas most affected by aircraft noise of any sort, I recognize the airport and military base have been here since WWII.

Because I'm not shortsighted, I purchased my home knowing and understanding that noise from aircraft, highways, emergency vehicles, and even passers-by on foot are an obvious and acceptable byproduct of a growing population and economy,

Expecting a city, airport, and military base to accommodate shortsighted, unrealistic expectations is costly in both the financial sense as well as the precedent it sets.

Accordingly, I support the 115th Fighter Wing and wholeheartedly oppose any and all resolutions that oppose the F-35s.

I'll be watching closely how the alders vote on any such resolution, and will remember their actions when it becomes my turn to vote for an alder.

Please support the F-35s and the 115th Fighter Wing.

Jason McDowell

From: linda faris <bounceonce50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s. I urge all alders to vote against the F-35's and/or for the v4 resolution. All alders who are considering the v3 resolution, please take into consideration the stance of alders and constituents who are opposed to the F-35's. A whole chunk of Mad...

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rob Carlon <rcarlon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:35 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Resolution opposing the F-35 basing

It has come to my attention that a resolution will be voted on this Tuesday at the Council Meeting opposing the F-35s being based in Madison. I am fully in support of the F-35s being based out of Madison and ask that you vote against any resolution that would oppose them being based here. I think that our air national guard is an asset to Madison and deserves the full the support of the city.

Thank you,
-Rob Carlon

From: Dave Dill <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 at Truax

General Information

Name: Dave Dill
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City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53719
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I stand opposed to the F-35 at Truax base.

Good reasons to oppose this plane, here, are:

1. PFAS contamination has shut 2 wells and there's no timeline for cleanup from the AF. We'll get stuck with this if we allow the planes without preconditions.
2. Dishabitation of hundreds of dwellings in poorer area where many POC reside. Most don't qualify for noise remediation and never will. We'll get stuck with this tab too.
3. No proof before decision of actual real world noise levels. The F-16 is too loud and never got quieter in spite of promises.
4. Base is too close to a heavily populated area and should be relocated. Never will be with new jets.
5. There is no guarantee that the nuke-ready F-35 won't occasionally take off and land here with tactical nukes on board. F-35s from other sites will cycle in and out as needed for training. And the AF will not inform us.
6. We don't need this military boondoggle here. Madison is a vibrant area and economy. We need no protection from air attack.

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Craig Eley <craigeley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:38 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: In Support of the Resolution to Oppose the F-35s

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alders,

I'm writing to implore you to oppose the F-35s at Truax. The noise impacts of these jets is not only significant—we don't fully know how significant it will be. The information included in the EIS was based entirely on modeling (no measurements were taken in Madison) and it used a terrible metric known as DNL, which averages sound levels over an entire day. That tells us almost nothing about how these takeoffs and landings will impact our community.

I wrote up a brief article that explains how the EIS maps work, and I hope if you have time and interest you can read it before tonight's vote.

<https://fieldnoise.substack.com/p/here-come-the-loud-jets>

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Eley
2218 Lakeland Ave.
Madison WI 53704

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: F-35's in Madison

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Evers, Tag" <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: **Re: F-35's in Madison**
Date: September 17, 2019 at 2:36:12 PM CDT
To: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>

Thanks, Gretchen. Please consider sending your thoughts to AllAlders@cityofmadison.com.

Tag Evers
DISTRICT 13 ALDER
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district13@cityofmadison.com

Subscribe to my blog at www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/blog

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Subject: F-35's in Madison

Dear Alder Evers

Thank you and the other alders sponsoring the F-35 resolution.

I have spent enough time on the East side of Madison to be aware of it's soundscape which in places includes noise from industrial areas. I found it to be generally livable. But then I heard the F-16's flying over at what I had assumed was a reasonable distance from Truax (near Atwood Ave). It was daytime, there were multiple flyovers, and I found the sound intolerable. At that time I thought I could never live on the East side even though I otherwise enjoy being there. So now come F-35's, threatening to be much louder and, from what we know about sound, damaging to the health of many Madison residents.

I trust you to support the best version of this resolution.

Gretchen Twietmeyer
2260 West Lawn
Madison, WI 53711

From: Sally Lehner <sa_lehner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support common council resolution opposing F-35 fighter jets

Dear Alders,

As a Madison resident, I am writing to urge you to support the Common Council resolution opposing F-35 fighter jets being stationed here.

The Environmental Impact Report found that people of color, kids and low-income families will be most impacted by an enormous increase in noise pollution, making a portion of our city uninhabitable by any reasonable standard, if the proposal goes forward. Please do not further marginalize the most vulnerable groups in our community, creating even greater inequities, by supporting the F-35 proposal.

When the current fighter jets have flown low in our neighborhood, the noise is very uncomfortable--especially for children. I can't imagine what it would be like to live next to the airfield with the proposed increase in fighter jet flights and noise if the F-35's are stationed here.

Please support the common council resolution opposing the F-35 jets being stationed in Madison.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

Veldran, Lisa

From: sandra montello <sandramontello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:43 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor; board@madison.k12.wi.us; county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com
Subject: F-35s

Please vote against.

Thank you

Sandra Montello

1913 Manley St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Dianne Jenkins <jenkins2125@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:46 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support the substitute resolution re F35s

I am writing to ask that you support the substitute resolution (v4) that was circulated today. At minimum, the city's inability to enforce any noise standards places an unfair burden on affected neighborhoods, with an economic cost to those property owners that is not offset by any theoretical economic gains.

Madison's values of inclusion and fairness, much less its aspiration to do no harm and its commitment to the vitality of ALL of its neighborhoods, should guide you to support this substitute resolution.

I live on the near west side and will not be directly impacted by this decision. However, I know how loud the current jets are, based on the few times they fly over the west side (Badger games, basically). Has there been a test flyover of the F35s? This would be a good start to a fact-based discussion, at minimum.

thank you,
Dianne Jenkins
1802 Monroe St, Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joan Sergenian <joans@fairwaymc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:49 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: 'badgerair@gmail.com'
Subject: F35- Basing

To whom this may concern,

I totally support bringing the F-35s to Madison and Truax field. I have lived in the flight path of the Dane County airport and Truax Field since 1984 and prior to that lived on the North side of Madison since 1960.

The honor and chills I feel when the fighter jets fly over my house makes me proud to be an American. I only see positives for the community here.

They have my complete support! I VOTE YES~

Thank you.

Joan Sergenian,
Resident of Windsor, Wisconsin



Joan Sergenian
Senior Mortgage Loan Officer
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Rep. Sargent Letter to Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew P. Donovan
Attachments: Letter to Secretary of the Air Force_9.17.2019.docx; ATT00001.htm

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rep.Sargent <Rep.Sargent@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 2:51:37 PM CDT
To: "district5@cityofmadison.com" <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Rep. Sargent Letter to Acting Secretary of the Air Force Matthew P. Donovan

Good Afternoon Shiva,

Attached is Representative Sargent's letter she sent to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Matthew P. Donovan.

Best,

Harrison Rayment
Legislative Aide
Office of Representative Melissa Sargent
11 N | 608-237-9319



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MELISSA SARGENT

WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

48th DISTRICT

September 17, 2019

The Honorable Matthew P. Donovan
Acting Secretary
United States Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to you today to relay concerns expressed to me by my constituents about the proposed F-35A operational beddown at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin. According to the most recent Environmental Impact Statement, roughly 1,000 homes in my district will experience aircraft noise levels above 65 decibels, leaving a large proportion of these homes as "incompatible for residential land use." Additionally, the EIS states that the proposed beddown will have a disproportionate impact on low-income minority communities on the North Side of Madison.

As a dedicated representative of one of Madison's most vibrant communities, it is my job to ensure that the voices of my constituents are being heard. Many of my constituents are concerned that they will lose their homes as a result of the proposed expansion, or be forced to relocate as a result of unbearable noise levels. Please provide answers to the following questions regarding the negative effects on housing and equity in the 48th Assembly District:

- How does the U.S Air Force define "incompatible for residential land use?"
- One of the closest communities to Truax field is a neighborhood of mobile homes located on the West side of the base. Since the FAA does not consider these homes as permanent structures, they do not qualify for FAA sound mitigation programs. What options will these individuals have for mitigating this increase in noise, and what role will the USAF play in addressing this injustice?
- Please provide examples of how the USAF has worked with other communities to mitigate the extensive noise associated with the F-35As.

In Wisconsin, our precious natural resources are a cornerstone of our collective identity. With that in mind, our community has already seen extensive environmental loss as a result of human expansion, including the shut-down of Well-15 as a result of extensive PFAs contamination. As we move forward with this possible placement of the F-35A at the 115th Fighter Wing, we ask you to truly consider all of the negative impacts outline in the EIS draft, while providing our community with extensive mitigation tactics and strategies. Please answer the following questions with respect to concerns about the possible instances of environmental degradation, as a result of this operation:

- To what extent would the proposed expansion of the F-35As at Truax increase the likelihood of further degradation of Madison's already crippled natural resources?
- What specific strategies does the Air National Guard plan on utilizing when it comes noise abatement? Could the institution of flight simulators and changing flight patterns significantly decrease instances of incompatible noise and negative environmental impacts, and to what extent?

As potential impacts of this proposed operation have become an incredibly important to many residents of the City of Madison, I have heard varying opinions regarding the future of Truax Base if the F-35A operational



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MELISSA SARGENT

WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

48th DISTRICT

beddown was not granted to the 115th Fighter Wing. To many, the 115th FW has been a valuable neighbor of the 48th Assembly District for over 70 years. Many of my constituents are concerned that without the F-35A expansion, the base will no longer be able to sustain its nearly 1,300 on-site jobs. Please answer the following questions about the future of Truax base, and the proposed F-35A mission:

- If Truax field were to not be chosen for the F-35A operational beddown, would the Air National Guard continue operations at the field? Will the 115th FW maintain their current status of employment?
- In what capacity will operations continue at Truax Base if the 115th FW were to be denied the F-35A proposal? Please provide examples of possible operations if the 115th FW was denied this specific proposal.
- Many of my constituents have expressed concerns involving the F-35As nuclear capabilities, and see this expansion as detrimental to the safety of our community. Are the proposed F-35As equip to handle nuclear warheads in any shape or form? Would the new facilities at Truax field be designed to maintain a nuclear arsenal?
- If Truax field were to be chosen for this operation, when can the city of Madison expect this expansion to be fully operational?

At this time, for many people in my district there are more questions than answers to the proposed beddown, specifically concerning housing inequality, environmental hazards, and the future of the 115th FW in Madison. As this project continues to develop, I ask that you truly consider the well-being of these hard-working Americans, while providing meaningful and comprehensive mitigation tactics that will protect our city's natural resources and quality of life. Thank you for taking the time to examine this matter further, and I look forward to hearing your response to these inquiries.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sargent

Melissa Sargent
State Representative
48th Assembly District

From: Lesleigh Luttrell <lesleigh.luttrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution Responding to Draft IES for F-35A Beddown

General Information

Name: Lesleigh Luttrell
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State: Wi
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Phone:
Work Phone:
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I urge you to vote in support of resolution 57364 "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown". As the EIS reports more than 1000 households near the airport would be subject to increased noise the 65DB is averaged over 24 hours and does not really get out the true impact of multiple louder events throughout the day and a significant number of households are in an area "where housing is incompatible". While this may seem like a low number of households, and perhaps of little concern to districts that are not near the airport, the true costs of this beddown would be borne by the entire city. You are, I'm sure, well aware of the critical need for more affordable housing in Madison, and many of the housing units near the airport that will be affected are affordable. The EIS will likely make developers think that adding more housing units in this area is not the best idea. If you lose the possibility of housing development near the airport, where will this development go? This applies to job-creating small businesses as well as housing.

Other issues of concern, relating to the effects of noise on children who live, attend day care or school, or otherwise spend time near the airport and the environmental justice issues that are specifically mentioned in EIS, are well reported in the resolution. The benefit to the city of adding less than 100 new jobs cannot possibly outweigh the concerns mentioned in the resolution.

Even though the city has no authority over the beddown decision, it is very important to get these serious and valid concerns of residents affirmed by passing the resolution sponsored by Alders Abbas, Evers, Foster, Heck, Kemble, and Rummel. I thank them for their work on this issue and everyone on the Council for your serious consideration of this major issue.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Arik Armstrong <arik.armstrong@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I Support F-35s In Madison

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my support for the basing of F-35 aircraft at Truax Field, Dane County Regional Airport. Although I am a member of the 115th Fighter Wing, I chose to speak as a proud citizen of the State of Wisconsin.

The F-35 program is important to Wisconsin for a myriad of reasons, one being continued support for the citizens. The 115th Fighter Wing provides more than security, both domestically and abroad, it provides support for natural disasters. The unit has assisted storm clean-up in Northern Wisconsin and managing the flooding when Lake Delton broke, just to name a few examples. Our unit also provides humanitarian assistance to the less-fortunate, by deploying our Medical personnel to disaster areas. We have a response team to assist the police force in the event explosive ordinances are identified as well.

The base, along with its assigned Airmen, contribute to the local economy as well. Employees of the unit, many of whom are Wisconsin residents, make a positive impact on local business and the home market. The basing of F-35s in Madison will sustain, if not improve, these markets for years to come.

For years, the unit has provided services to the State and Country, putting the citizens first. Recognizing that the basing of the F-35s is more than just relocating aircraft to Madison, please consider the Wisconsinites that work at the unit and love this community. If the F-35s are based at Truax Field, this community will see benefits for years to come.

Respectfully,

Mr. Arik Armstrong

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joanna Donovan <joannakimberly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

General Information

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am a near eastside Madison resident. I am writing to urge you to oppose Resolution #57364 V3. I hope that you support Resolution V4, sponsored by Grant Foster/Rebecca Kemble which explicitly states that the Council does not support the section of Truax Field. The use of Truax for F-35 is an abuse of shared urban space which will have a disproportionate impact low income individuals and residents of color.

Thank you,
Joanna Donovan
1338 East Wilson
Madison, WI
53703

Recipient:
All Alders

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kassie Kraemer <kassiekraemer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:14 PM
To: All Alders

I support the military 100%, the jets deserve to be here, they've been here for years. The noise is nothing new to the community.

Thanks for reading my opinion,
Kassie Kraemer
Windsor, WI resident (the jets fly over my house)

From: Shelly Kelsey <skelsey@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing

Please oppose this resolution of the F-35 basing here at the 115th fighter wing. We have many patients, families and friends that this all can affect.

Thank You,
Shelly Kelsey

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From: Amy Rohn <amyrohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the 115th

Dear Alders,

I'm writing in strong opposition to the resolution before you this evening that opposes bringing the F-35s to Truax.

I support the base and airmen and women and all that they do for the community. I believe that community opposition to the new jets will likely be the beginning of the end for the base and that would be damaging for the community, the local economy and the airport itself.

Please join me in opposing the resolution that opposes the F-35s.

I stand with the Air National Guard and hope that they remain part of this community for a long time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Rohn

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nino Amato <namato@cwag.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:19 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: amsenegambia@gmail.com; satyaformadison@gmail.com; Skidmore, Paul; Barbara McKinney NAACP; Mayor; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Rummel, Marsha; Verveer, Michael; brenda417@gmail.com; Progressive Dane; Mary Bottari
Subject: Opposed to F-35 in Madison
Attachments: image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt; image2.jpeg; ATT00002.txt

As a former City Alderperson and as a life long resident and property taxpayer of Madison, I am opposed to the U.S. DOD placement of F-35's in Madison.

I therefore, encouraging each member of the Madison City Council to support the resolution, in opposition of locating F-35 fighter jets in Madison — at tonight's City Council Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and hope you'll vote in opposition to locating F-35 Fighter Jets at the Truax Field Air-Base in Madison.

Respectfully yours,

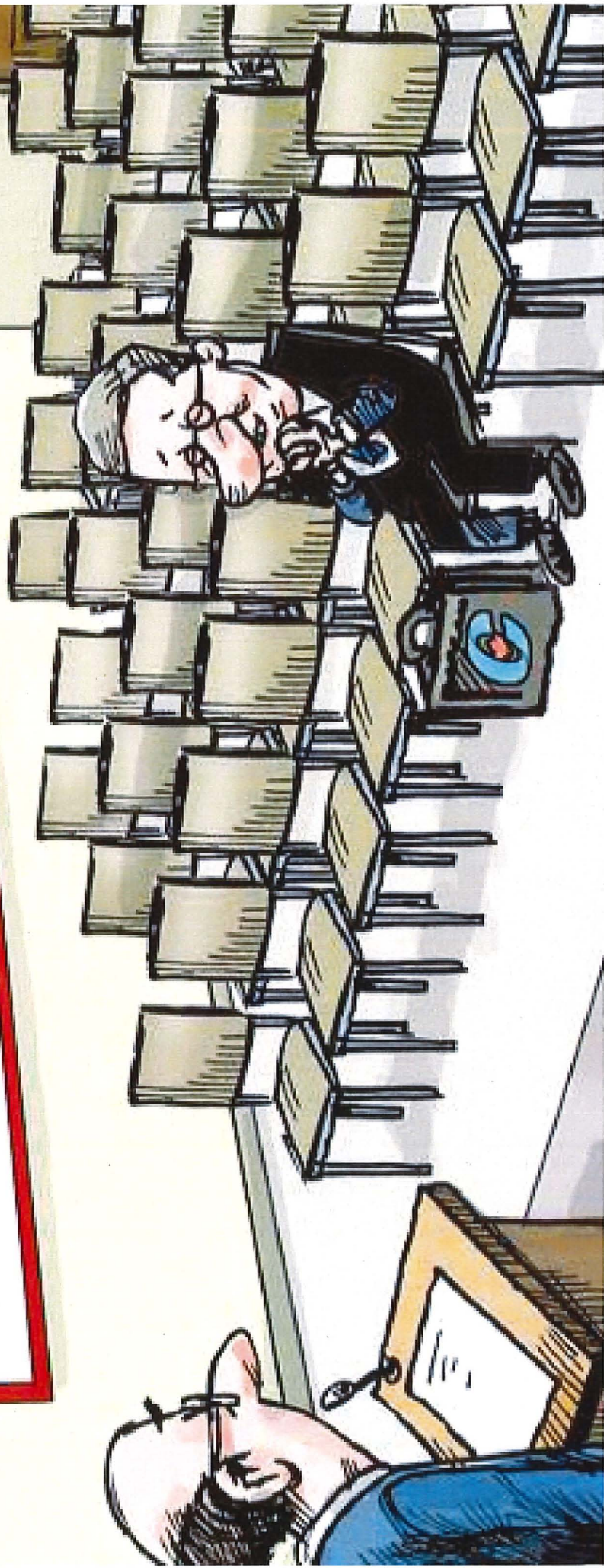
Anthony (Nino) Amato
64 Oak Creek Trail
Madison, WI. 53717

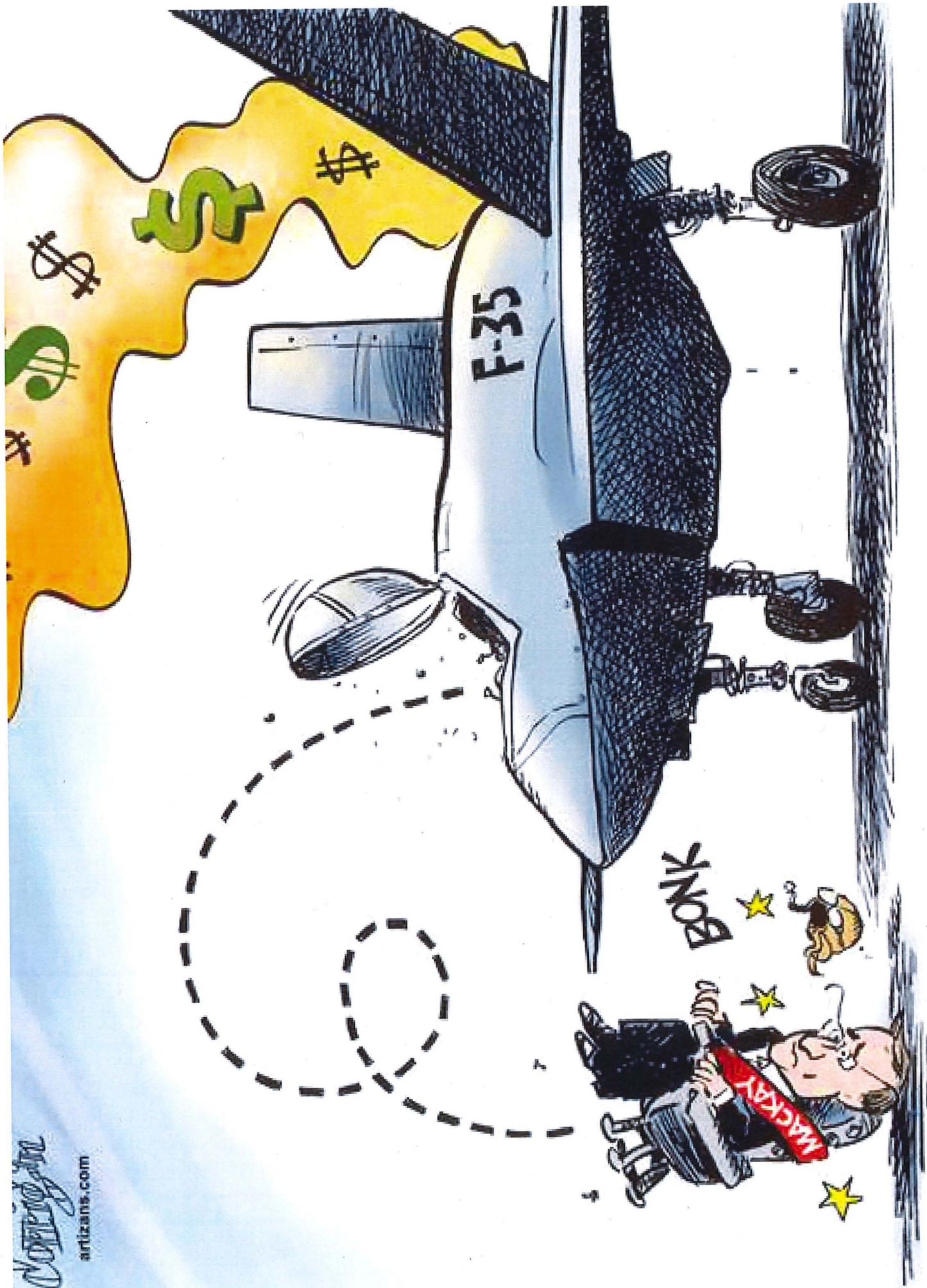
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Veldran, Lisa

From: jayne keller <jayne_wardkeller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 BASING HERE

Please vote to oppose the F-35 basing here in Madison.. It's not what our beautiful city needs to contend with.

Thank you,

Jayne Ruchti

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tom and Annette Esser <taesser@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 Fighter Jets

My husband and I live on the east side in District 15. We are on the flight path for the jets.

We want to voice our support for the F35 jets coming to Madison. We are in opposition of the resolution that is against the F35 jets. I know my alderman, Grant Foster, is a sponsor of that resolution. I do NOT agree with his resolution.

Tom and Annette Esser
4610 Hamlet Pl.
Madison

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

From: Kathryn Cue <alestakate88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:25 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT "Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown"

To whom it may concern:

Please vote in support of Madison residents and the Resolution proposed by Alders Foster and Kemble and co-sponsored by Alders Abbas, Rummel, Heck, and Evers.

This resolution speaks on the behalf of thousands of Madison residents regarding this issue, many of whom have not been properly informed about the proposal, let alone given a real opportunity to respond in a way they deserve. The people affected by the proposal are disproportionately low-income and otherwise disadvantaged residents. Many of the people living in and near the area just simply have not been sufficiently informed about the risks and drawbacks that would come with this project. Even if they were, the process provided by the US Air Force has excluded many of them from officially representing their own interests in the EIS report. YOU now have the responsibility to help represent their voices in this matter.

I have personally NEVER reached out in a way like this, regarding any kind of issue here. And to be honest, I have had to go significantly out of my way to inform myself about what is happening in our area. Many of my neighbors and friends that I have talked to about it have had NO CLUE about what is going on with this issue, and I can't help but feeling like their interests and voices are being suppressed. Attending the meetings was extremely discouraging and demoralizing to witness so many privileged people dare to suppress the concerns of the people who actually live in these areas. And to witness first hand the extremely disproportionate number of supporters vs. the (practically nonexistent) number of people who would be impacted. People who work late, people who rely on public transit (of which two or three of the proposed BRT stops would be in the zone), people who have children or other family to care for, people who aren't native English speakers, people who have disabilities that prevent them from participating in this fully, people who have unreliable access to internet, or who weren't informed about any of this in the first place. None of those people were there able to represent themselves. So I am contacting you now on their behalf, because I have a responsibility to help speak for the people who can't, as do you.

I was unsure about this issue when I first learned about it. But after reading the official report, and after attending the meeting at Sherman Middle School, I have realized that the impact to residents of the East side would be tremendously detrimental if the F-35s came to Truax. The economic impact on the city of Madison as a whole will also be substantial. The official EIS doesn't address all of the significant consequences of the project, and minimizes the ones that it does address. It is a HUGE issue that there are minimal to no funds proposed to support the people and businesses affected by this, so if the city of Madison or State of Wisconsin eventually does decide to fill the gap somehow, it will fall to taxpayers. Taxpayers whose long-term property values will simultaneously be reduced because of this project. But money alone won't even solve the problems this will bring to our area.

For just one example, when a child's place of learning is in the zone, when their sleep, work, and play is in the zone, how can they possibly do their best? The impact goes beyond a temporary inconvenience of sound. The official report actually says that two schools will be so affected that they "would experience an increase in the number of speech interference events, which could represent a significant impact to children". That is the education of our children that is talking about! And the fact that it will be disproportionately affecting our already disadvantaged populations is so distressing to me. At a time when Madison is trying to support the equity landscape, this whole project just goes directly in the face of that. I am young, and I have an almost two year old. He will be going to school soon, and it just sickens me that the city where we live could allow something like this to affect him and his friends and neighbors.

As far as I'm concerned, this is NOT an anti-military issue. There are 4 other locations proposed for this military project, most if not all of which would impact far fewer residents. Out of all the places, I am pretty sure that we have the most people that would be negatively affected. They could choose a place that *doesn't* cause damage to our future generations' learning. This project doesn't have to be in *any human's* backyard. It is a false dichotomy to say that if Madison doesn't support this, then we don't support the military at all. They have other options. However, Madison is a great place to live. Of course they want to come here. This is about Madison standing up for the people who live here now, and for the people who could live here going forward. This is about encouraging them to actually go to the place that would cause the least amount of damage. This is a human health issue, an economic issue, an equity issue, and an environmental issue. This is not worth fewer than 70 jobs. Madison has more to offer than this.

Please please do the right thing for Madison's future, and for our community. The F-35s are not the right thing for the health of our future.

Thank you,

Kathryn Cue

From: Trenton Thompson <trenton.thompson10@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Comments

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today to let you know of my opposition of your proposal opposing the f-35 at Truax Field. The 115th fighter wing plays an important part of Madison's economy as well as being a integral part of this nations security.

Thank you,
Trenton A. Thompson

From: aathanas@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th fighter wing

Greetings,

I believe we need to consider the kind of message we are sending to our troops, men and women that have served our country and those serving now if we oppose the F35 basing here at the 115th fighter wing. We ask them to risk their lives yet we can't support and welcome them to continue their service where we live. I feel ashamed that we are even considering opposing this. I ask you to please consider this message and send the one we can all live with and be proud of. Support these men and women that support and protect us.


Thanks,
Andrea Athanas

Veldran, Lisa

From: Teri <devthor@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Try ax

I SUPPORT THE 115TH FIGHTER WING AND THE F-35'S!!!

Teri Stuebner
Mount Horeb, WI

Proud Navy Mom 

From: Matthew Braunginn <braunginn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:35 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s and a choice of morality

Dear Alders,

I know you're getting a ton of voices and contacts right now, and it seems those representing areas that will be not impacted or minimally impacted by the F-35s don't oppose them. Yes, this is a largely symbolic gesture of possible opposition, but one that is about standing up for professed ideals.

We know that this will displace largely Black and Brown families, largely lower-income families in a city that already has a distressed housing market. One that many in the lower tiers of income, again disproportionately Black and Brown, are having a hard time finding housing. This will put them out of their housing, this will displace those most vulnerable and most impacted by institutional racism and injustice. This is pure and simple environmental racism.

Many studies have been done to show the impact of the sound. Many have shown the limitations of sound insulation. This isn't about technicalities but principles on the question of "is Madison what it says it is?" And the continued answer to this question is no, a vote to not oppose them is continuing that answer.

Not only are the F-35s a gross investment of the military-industrial complex, of empire, of a base that actually doesn't protect us as this isn't "vital" airspace. A military-industrial complex that bombs Black and Brown nations, oftentimes putting Black and Brown bodies from the United States in the most harms way as well. A support for them being stationed here is a vote for that continuation.

The amount of jobs this will create is far outweighed by the racism it will perpetrate, this is the silent racism, the kind that is so easy to continue as it is just the status quo, the doing business as usual- I mean of course how could we not "support the troops." But it is so much more than that, these are the seemingly little moments that matter, ones that show us who we are. The racism of the status quo must be broken, so must the racism that our empire continues.

I am 34, and we have been at perpetual ware since I was 16 years old. This is a symbol of death, one that has hastened our own demise as a nation, our own social fabric. One that is used to kill abroad and destroy families at home too- in other ways, but still destroy.

Moments like this remind me of words of Dr. King, someone who I'm sure every one of you have honored and held up in the past and will do so in the future, but they are ever-present and evergreen:

"As I have walked among the desperate, rejected, and angry young men, I have told them that Molotov cocktails and rifles would not solve their problems. I have tried to offer them my deepest compassion while maintaining my conviction that social change comes most meaningfully through nonviolent action. But they asked, and rightly so, "What about Vietnam?" They asked if our own nation wasn't using massive doses of violence to solve its problems, to bring about the changes it wanted. Their questions hit home, and I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today: my own government. For the sake of those boys, for the sake of this government, for the sake of the hundreds of thousands trembling under our violence, I cannot be silent...

"...A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

If you are looking for moral and spiritual guidance, read this speech "[Beyond Vietnam](#)." In the context of this ever-expanding and endless "war on terror," you will find many parallels to our world today. And in fact words of a warning of a world we live in today. Stand for what is right, for what is just, and for peace by opposing the F-35s.

Thank you,

Matthew Braunginn

Veldran, Lisa

From: Roy Tudor <rtudorhawk@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Jets at the airport

I am in favor of letting our new jets fly here and you should be also.

Thank you.

From: Brad Heidel <flduckwacker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:40 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission

Alders,

I am writing this note asking you to DROP your resolution opposing the opportunity to be one of the few bases for the new F-35's!

These aircraft, the airmen and airwomen and their support staff are a tremendous asset to not only Madison but also the entire state of Wisconsin and the United States of America. Not only do they bring a significant economic impact to the community but also great citizens and their families. People we as a community can't afford to lose.

Every time I hear the current jets fly I feel a tremendous sense of pride. Not only as a resident of the local community but of America.

Instead of a resolution to oppose the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission you should be drafting a resolution in favor of those that defend our country and you everyday!

Sincerely,

Brad Heidel
Dane, WI

From: jeanne erickson <jeanne.projectbabies@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s at Truax Field

Dear Alders,

As a co-director of the Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center located within the East Madison Community Center, at 8 Straubel Court, I am asking and strongly encouraging you to vote in favor to the proposed Common Council opposing Truax Field as a base for F-35s.

The impact assessments have clearly outlined the impact the noise of the F-35s will have on the communities around Truax field. Noise mitigation is not going to be the answer as there will be, as stated in the assessment reports, nearly 1000 homes that will be uninhabitable due to the noise. The cost of sound proofing is insurmountable as an expense. Who will pay for it? Where will these families and individuals go? and who will cover those costs?

Working daily in the Truax Apartment complex I have witnessed first hand the impact of the noise of the F-16s, first on the ability to hear, carry on conversations, but also on the children who are at our center with their caregivers. Most of them will hide in some fashion when the F-16s are heard.

Our families talk about the reaction of fear, when they are flying in the evening and during the night.

The F-035s will have even greater decibels. This is unacceptable.

I thank you for the consideration and strongly encourage you to vote yes to the Common Council Resolution and oppose the F-35s.

Jeanne F. Erickson
Director of Operations fro Today Not Tomorrow, Inc.
Director of Project Babies
8 Straubel Court
Madision, WI 53704
608-770-2049
jeanne.projectbabies@gmail.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.; Bottari, Mary; Obeng, Kwasi
Subject: Letter from Air Force to city of Burlington, Vermont
Attachments: SECAF Burlington, VT 22MAY18.pdf; ATT00001.htm

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Schroeder <daveschroeder@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 3:29:14 PM CDT
To: regentneighborhoodassn <regentneighborhoodassn@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: RNAListserv Fwd: F-35 Jet Update: Support the City Council Resolution

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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MAY 22 2018

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

Thank you for your April 9, 2018 letter supporting the Air Force decision to base the F-35 at Burlington Air National Guard Base and for sharing the Burlington City Council's resolution.

We expect the first F-35 aircraft to arrive in Burlington in 2019. This decision was finalized in 2013 after a 48-month review which assessed 205 locations and concluded that the Burlington International Airport was the best Air National Guard option. If that decision were to be reversed, the Vermont Air National Guard would likely lose their flying mission upon the retirement of the F-16s. The Air Force is much smaller than it was at the end of the Cold War. We have fewer bases and fewer aircraft. As a result, some states no longer have flying missions for their National Guard and the competition to secure new missions is fierce.

As you mentioned in your letter, we received numerous comments on hosting F-35s at Burlington during the Environmental Impact Statement public involvement phases. Within this process, we addressed for public record the questions the City Council expressed in its resolution. As this basing action moves forward, we will continue to engage transparently with the community. In recent meetings I have had with Governor Scott and members of Vermont's Congressional delegation, they have also expressed their continued support for the Vermont Air National Guard and our decision to modernize fighter aircraft stationed there.

The Air Force has made significant investments in the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington. We estimate capital expenditures over the next 5 years to exceed \$100 million dollars, with payroll contributions of \$50 million dollars per year. Additionally, the Air National Guard will continue to provide the fire and safety equipment supporting the joint use of the airport by both military and commercial operations.

In every generation, there is a small percentage of Americans who volunteer to protect the rest of us. "The Green Mountain Boys" have made that commitment. The Air Force appreciates the leaders of Vermont and their support for our Airmen and for the modernization of their equipment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Wilson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Heather Wilson

Veldran, Lisa

From: Michael Grode <mjgrode@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fw: My support for the 115th Fighter Wing and F-35 mission

Hello,

I write to express my support for the 115th Fighter Wing as well as the F-35 mission. I respectfully request you drop your resolution in opposition to the 115th Fighter Wing being transitioned to F-35s. Madison would be fortunate to be home to such a critical national asset. The 115th has been a long-term good neighbor in our community, and should be welcomed to continue. In my view, a resolution thanking the 115th and expressing support for its men and women would be more appropriate.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Michael Grode

From: Ellen Magee <ellenmageelcsw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's

I live on Tennyson Ln, near the airport and am not clear about whether we are in or outside "the line" referred to in the EIS. We are limited income, senior citizens who plan to move to some kind of senior living facility in the next decade and we need to be able to get current market value from our home and property. We are highly disturbed by the idea of our home being even more unlivable than it already is due to worse airport noise. Please do what you can to keep the invasion of F35's from happening. We also doubt that the F35's will make anyone in our world safer.
Thank you, Ellen Magee, 1041 Tennyson Ln., Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Charles McLimans <charles@riverfoodpantry.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:48 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: RE: F-35 Resolution

I would like to clarify that the position I have taken is based on my personal opinion which is based on numerous conversations I've had with concerned Northside residents and community partners. The River's board of directors has not taken an official position on this topic.

Thank you,
Charles

Charles McLimans

President/CEO | The River Food Pantry
Tel. 608.665.0233 (Direct) | RiverFoodPantry.org



From: Charles McLimans
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: allalder@cityofmadison.com; mayor@cityofmadison.com
Subject: F-35 Resolution

Dear Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

The River Food Pantry, with primary operations at 2201 Darwin Road and offices at 2801 International Lane, stands in support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas that will come before tonight's Common Council.

As one of the most impactful nonprofit organizations serving over 1,000 low-income Dane County households and their residents each week, many of whom reside on the Northside, we are deeply concerned about the environmental and quality of life impact that the F-35 would have literally in our backyard and on our operations. Some of the most vulnerable residents of our community would be the most affected by the presence of the F-35 including many low-income seniors, children, and communities of color.

The River provides groceries, clothing, hot meals, and mobile lunches for children when they are out of school, in addition to operating 8 in school food pantries and two weekend programs in MMSD schools. All of these programs and the people who need to access these programs for household stability would be adversely impacted by the F-35.

We urge your support of the resolution proposed by Alder Abbas and thank you for your thoughtful consideration and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Charles McLimans

Charles McLimans

President/CEO | The River Food Pantry

Tel. 608.665.0233 (Direct) | RiverFoodPantry.org



Veldran, Lisa

From: Nichole M. Jepsen <njepsen@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th Fighter Wing

Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to request that you oppose the resolution for the 115th Fighter Wing. Please consider all of the families affected.

Regards,

Nichole Jepsen | Dental Hygienist
Periodontal & Implant Specialists of Madison
7017 Old Sauk Rd. | Madison, WI 53717
Phone 608.203.7023

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Veldran, Lisa

From: cacorwith1 <cacorwith1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of resolution

FYI: I totally support the resolution against having F-35s in a residential area due to increased noise, increase in frequency of flights, decreased property values, additional pollution, safety concerns, health issues (physical and psychological) related to noise/pollution, school interruption related to noise, etc. I am not anti military, only anti F-35s as stated above . Let the national guard fly the F-35s out of Volk Field.

Carla Corwith, 1000 Menomonie Lane, 53704
Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: GISELA F WILSON <gfwilson@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:59 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Opposition to F35s; Support for Resolution #57364

Gisela F Wilson
1244 Morrison Ct
Madison, WI 53703

September 17, 2019

Re: Resolution #57364 Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown

Sponsors: Grant Foster, Rebecca Kemble, Marsha A. Rummel, Patrick W. Heck, Tag Evers and Syed Abbas

Dear Alders and Mayor,

I am writing to indicate my strong opposition to basing the F-35s in Madison. We already have a shortage of low-income housing in Madison. Basing the F-35s here will significantly affect the habitability of what low-income housing Madison has. The suggested compensation for sound-proofing would lag the arrival of the F35s by years — not something low income individuals can afford on their own.

In addition, the F35s will affect several schools— including one for children with special needs. Are we going to have the funds to rebuild schools in new locations? Are we ready for the negative effects of F-35s on the mental health of adults and children with autism, epilepsy, anxiety disorders and PTSD? As with the availability of low-income housing, how we cope with mental health issues is an area in which Madison needs improvement.

In short, basing the F-35s here would be a clear example of institutional racism, ableism, and classism — forcing those with the least to sacrifice the most. The suggestion is ill-considered especially when there are other locations which would affect a smaller number of individuals.

Have the Alders not sponsoring the Resolution considered the adverse effect the F-35s are likely to have on the larger Madison area? What happens to area businesses when Madison loses its consistently favorable ranking as a great place to live? What happens to businesses on State Street when the number of people experiencing homelessness or other problems increases? The long term cost in the favorability of Madison outweighs the small number of job gains the F-35s would bring.

There are other issues with the F-35s besides their effect on habitability of housing and schools on the North and East side due to excessive noise: air and water pollution, the fact that Madison would become a military target, and the fact that once their foot is in the door, there's no guarantee the military wouldn't change its mind about storing nuclear warheads here.

For health and well-being of all Madison residents, please support the Resolution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gisela F Wilson

From: Dorothy <dborchardt1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:01 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35's - agenda item #58

Greetings Madison City Council Members,

I've lived close to Truax Field my entire life. At times the planes were so loud and low I couldn't hear the TV or a conversation on the phone. Our home shook and dishes rattled, that was part of living close to an airport and made our home affordable.

I realize there is a lot of pressure on many of you to support the alders representing the Truax Field flight area, I pray you have the courage and leadership qualities to do what is best for Madison by supporting the F-35s locating in Madison.

Our grandson is serving with the 115th Fighter Wing in Afghanistan, your support will mean a lot to him.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Dorothy Borchardt

1717 Elka Lane

District 12

From: Sally Young <sallyyoung@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:11 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets

I would like to go on record in favor of Alder Foster's Original F-35 Resolution.

I work with individuals with autism. Noise is especially difficult for these neurologically sensitive people. It is not terribly uncommon for an autistic person to wear heavy-duty construction ear protectors all day - even in a quiet room having a quiet conversation with one other person. For some, headphones are difficult to tolerate, so they might just plug their ears with their fingers - sometimes for hours at a time.

The sound of everyday events such as a phone ringing, baby crying, or a dog barking can send an autistic person into a tailspin of difficult behavior such as screaming or head banging, and in some cases aggression. While sudden, intrusive, loud noises have a dramatic and immediate impact on individuals with autism, they can impact all of us in less obvious ways.

I know of at least one group home that sits right at the edge of the 65 dB noise contour. Their lives will be impacted in a major way either from having to move to a new home or having to stay and tolerate even higher levels of noise. Eight years ago, this agency looked for another house farther from the airport and could not find anything anywhere in the city that would be affordable for them.

Colleen Moore, former UW professor and child development expert has warned that seemingly small disruptions in the classroom cascade over time and have a continuing impact on academic performance. Thus, a high noise learning environment can lead to poor language and reading skills which in turn lead to lowered performance on cognitive and memory tasks and concentration as well as increased stress and decreased motivation. The EIS itself states that there is a linear relation between chronic aircraft noise exposure and impaired learning.

The Madison school district has been working hard to close one of the largest achievement gaps in the country. As the Environmental Impact Statement shows, the airport is surrounded by schools, including one school for children with neurological and behavioral disabilities, and five childcare centers that have a high proportion of low income and minority children. It seems clear that bringing the F-35 jets to Dane county will only serve to exacerbate the achievement gap in our schools. Surely, we are better than that.

In addition, at a time when childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions, are we going to make parks and outdoor spaces in the surrounding neighborhoods less inviting for lower income, minority, and disabled children? Surely, we are better than that.

Allowing vulnerable communities be exposed to the highest levels of F-35 jet noise flies in the face of our attempts to address Madison's dismal standing in terms of racial and economic justice as well as the school district's attempts to close the achievement gap.

This is not an Eastside issue. This is an issue that touches every district in Madison. The Environmental Impact Statement clearly states that having the jets in Madison will mean low income and minority populations will bear a greatest burden. Surely, we are better than that. This alone is reason enough to keep the F-35s out of Madison and Dane County.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Young, PhD, LPC

4112 Major Ave.

Madison, WI 53716

"The ultimate test of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." Gaylord Nelson

From: Andrew Disch <adisch@ncsrcc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s=Union Jobs



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Dear Common Council Members:

The United States Air Force F-35A Operation would require 19 infrastructure improvement projects to support the F-35A beddown. This would result in a total of 315-420 new construction jobs to complete the \$90-\$120 million infrastructure investment. (See WI3.6.1.2 of the [Draft EIS](#))

Under former Gov. Scott Walker, Wisconsin repealed its State Prevailing Wage law, however the federal Prevailing Wage law known as "Davis-Bacon" remains in effect. This means the construction jobs at the F-35A project site would pay livable wages and benefits.

The Prevailing Wage repeal in Wisconsin has resulted in a 42% increase in out-of-state contractors winning Public Work (More Details [HERE](#)). These shops don't pay Wisconsin wages or Wisconsin taxes. On the other hand, the F-35A Operation gives Wisconsin a rare opportunity to guarantee that workers on a public project are paid livable wages and benefits.

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Kay Frazier <klflightngjoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35s in Madison

Hi,

I am Kay Frazier, 1625 Kings Mill Way in Madison. I am concerned about the F-35s being at Truax; with the increased noise and the closeness of quite a bit of Madison, this seems untenable. Can we move this further out from the city and housing?

Thanks you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: carl zimm <beampowereted-tetrode@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution "Responding to EIS F-35

General Information

Name: carl zimm
Address: 2034 yahara place
City: madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53704
Phone: 608-246-0485
Work Phone:
Email: beampowereted-tetrode@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Noise from the F16s already interfere with my outdoor activities and sometimes even indoor work at my Lexington Ave. workspace. Reading the EIS summary it appears the F35s will be much louder. Truax is too close to the city for loud fighter aircraft. The F35s should go to the F125 fighter wing by Jacksonville Florida where the base is 30 miles from the city. I strongly support the resolution in response to the EIS.

Recipient:
All Alders

From: joni <joni430@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:20 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for the 115th Fighter Wing & the F-35 mission

Hello Alders of Madison-

I am *opposing* the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax. I feel that your reasoning for opposition overlooks and under emphasizes the importance of retaining the WI Air National Guard at Truax. The 115th Fighter Wing is comprised of men and women of integrity. These are hard working families who are an asset to our community. If F-35s do not get assigned to Truax, it is likely this base will eventually close. The 1200 families who currently have a loved one working at the base will be forced to leave the Madison area.

The families that are cited as being negatively affected by the F-35s are the families that live near the airport. Unfortunately it is a common fact that real estate is less expensive near airports due to **ALL** airport noise including airline jets, military jets and military helicopters. This real estate is essentially affordable to many because of the airport! Moreover, there are plans in place to offer federal assistance for noise mitigation to the homes affected by the F-35s. I see this as a bonus for those families who will benefit in many ways from new windows, new insulation and air conditioning including increased energy efficiency and comfort.

In closing, I fully support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. I see this as an opportunity to continue to provide jobs for the 1200 families of the WI Air National Guard in addition to creating more jobs for the people of Madison and the surrounding areas.

Most importantly, by welcoming this opportunity we are showing support for the men and women who chose to fight for **OUR** freedom every day of their lives.

I hope you will reconsider your opposition and realize what is at stake.

Thank you for your attention,

Joni Messner

From: David Vriezen <dave.vriezen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Bring the F-35 to Madison

Dear Alders

I want to add my support for bringing the future of Aviation to Madison. While there are concerns about noise, if 60% of the current F-16s use afterburner for takeoff and only 5% of F-35s are expected to use afterburner, the noise levels will be lesser. I ran a jet engine shop in the Air Force and the difference is substantial.

Respectfully

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Support for Common Council Resolution Against F-35s

Begin forwarded message:

From: Charlyn Cruz-Nuñez <charlyn.cruz@gmail.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 4:21:23 PM CDT
To: "Baldeh, Samba" <district17@cityofmadison.com>, "district5@cityofmadison.com" <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Common Council Resolution Against F-35s

Hello Alder Baldeh and Bidar,

While I know many people have voiced their concerns regarding the F-35s at Truax Field. I wanted to add my voice to the pile and state I am in support of the Madison Common Council Resolution regarding the F-35 at the Truax Field.

I am a resident of District 17, and the airport is right behind my house.

Address: 3110 Old Gate Rd #B, Madison.

Sincerely,

Charlyn Cruz Nuñez

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Charlyn Cruz Nuñez - MSW, APSW

 view my **LinkedIn** profile

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

From: Maria Powell (MEJO) <mariapowell@mejo.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:25 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Cc: 'jimpowell@mejo.us'; touyengxiong@mejo.us; idajammeh@mejo.us
Subject: Update: MEJO and 85 Truax/trailer park residents support Resolution #57364

Dear Alders & Mayor again:

Today at the East Madison Community Center food pantry, twenty more people signed in support of the resolution to oppose F-35 fighter jets.

Rough summary of my informal survey: 100 people total were surveyed, the majority from the Truax apartments and the rest in the trailer park:

- The majority of the people I talked with were people of color and all/nearly all are low income based on where they live;
- Out of 100 people I talked with, 85 said they oppose the F-35s and support the resolution to oppose them;
- Of the 15 people who did not support the resolution because they like to watch the planes, believe the jets will provide jobs and keep us safe, or don't mind the noise:
 - nearly all were white men, middle-aged or older
 - none had small children at home

I know this informal survey is not scientific or representative and I am not presenting it as such. Regardless, my conversations with these people who are directly affected by the jet noise now clearly refutes the argument that low income people "get used to" it. It also shows a clear patterns in who is more concerned (parents of small children, people of color) and less concerned (white older men) about the current jet noise and the 3-4 times louder F-35 noise.

I strongly suspect if more formal surveys were done with representative samples from the Truax and other low income neighborhoods near the base, these results would be replicated.

Also, none of these people attended (or knew about) the public meetings last week on the F-35s **so their voices were not heard there**. Most couldn't attend anyway, for the reasons articulated in my previous email.

Thank you for listening,
Maria

On 9/17/2019 8:41 AM, Maria Powell (MEJO) wrote:

Dear Alders & Mayor:

As the Executive Director of the Midwest Environmental Justice Organization (MEJO), and Northside Madison resident, I support Resolution #57364 on tonight's common council agenda.**

If Madison is serious about reducing and eliminating racial and social inequities, the Common Council will support a strong and clear resolution against basing the F-35 jets here, which will only further exacerbate these inequities.

The Midwest Environmental Justice Organization works with communities to prevent exposures to toxic pollution (including noise), especially among the most vulnerable--infants, children, elderly, ill, low income, people of color--who are often disproportionately exposed to these health risks. This is the case even here in privileged, environmentally-conscious Madison. Low income people living near Truax

Field, who have been disproportionately exposed to excessive jet noise and toxic pollution for decades, are a case in point.

Yet in the last several days, at public meetings, I have heard F-35 proponents and even some Madison elected officials say that people in Truax and other low income neighborhoods next to the base "get used to" the noise, or that noise is a "privileged people's" issue--implying that they are not bothered by the jet noise. If they are, "why aren't they coming to public meetings?" one asked.

These comments are troubling on a number of levels--and completely wrong. **In last last few days I have talked in-person with over 65 Truax and Oak Park Terrace (trailer park) residents who are very disturbed by the current F-16 jet noise and enthusiastically--with no hesitation--signed in support of the resolution to say no to the F-35s.** They described to me how the existing F-16 jets disturb and alarm them physically and psychologically, keep them awake at night, wake their babies, and scare their children. Some are terrified that the jets will crash on their apartments. People who migrated from war-torn countries where fighter jets flew over (and sometimes dropped bombs) are understandably traumatized by seeing and hearing these planes over their homes and families here. They have no problem imagining how 3-4 times louder F-35 jets will affect them and their families.

MEJO members know first-hand what the fighter jets sound like in the Truax neighborhood. Since 2017 we have worked with people there on pollution affecting Starkweather Creek, and most of our meetings have been at the East Madison Community Center in the center of the neighborhood. On many occasions, we experienced the earth-shattering noise when the F-16s take off from Truax Field. The experience goes well beyond the decibel levels. It shakes the ground and your body. It's stunning--and at times momentarily paralyzing.

MEJO's Vice President Touyeng Xiong (who lives in the Truax Apartments) [testified](#) at the F-35 meeting about how the jet noise affects his family and neighborhood. Loretta Smith, Touyeng's neighbor, describes what the sound is like [here](#).

Why are residents from low income neighborhoods near the base not attending public meetings in droves to oppose the F-35s? Here's what they told me (and what I know from our work in the Truax and Darbo neighborhoods--and because of my past experiences living in poverty): They are overwhelmed with basic survival, along with many socioeconomic, employment, and/or physical/mental health challenges. They are receiving little/no information about the fighter jet and pollution issues and how they will be affected, so most are unaware of meetings in the first place and/or if they hear about them, aren't sure how to participate. Some do not speak English. Many cannot spend hours at evening meetings, even if they want to participate. Many have young children and lack childcare, or are taking care of elderly or ill family members. Some have several jobs including nighttime shifts. Some cannot get to meetings because they have no car. Others are demoralized and cynical--they don't think their opinions will matter. Some told me they think participation is pointless because, as one man in the trailer park said, "nobody cares about us, we're the forgotten ones."

MEJO is concerned about more than just noise. We're concerned about exposures to toxic chemicals people can't see or hear--and most are unaware of. Our organization has advocated to city, county, state, and federal officials since early 2018 to pressure the military to investigate and clean up the toxic chemicals leaching from the Truax base and nearby burn pits--especially PFAS, but also volatile organic compounds (VOCs, such as PCE/TCE), PAHs, petroleum compounds, metals, and numerous others. PFAS has contaminated soil and groundwater at the base (and likely air too), has leached off the base into the drinking water well one mile away (that serves the Truax neighborhood)

and very likely into Starkweather Creek and its fish, which people in the community eat. To date we still have no PFAS data from the creek or fish.

The Truax neighborhood, so close to the base, is disproportionately exposed to PFAS and other pollutants. The military refuses to investigate and clean up this toxic mess, claiming it doesn't have the funds, even though it has trillions of dollars to spend on F-35 war machines.

The siting of the F-35s here will require extensive new construction at the base that will disrupt contaminated soils and groundwater, releasing more toxic chemicals into air, groundwater, soils, and the creek. The F-35s require a plethora of other toxic chemicals for operations and maintenance (which the draft EIS doesn't identify) that will also be released into the environment in various contexts. The draft EIS vaguely dismisses or does not address most of these potential environmental and health impacts at all.

In sum, it is indisputable--as the military's own draft EIS states in the case of noise alone--that the proposed F-35s will have disproportionate negative effects on low income people of color living in rental apartments and/or trailers closest to the base, who cannot move away.

These supersonic fighter jets will also affect many other Madison residents--homeowners and renters alike, from a range of income levels and backgrounds--beyond the areas immediately adjacent to the base, including my own family.**

Please vote on the side of environmental justice and support Resolution #57364 opposing the F-35s.

Thank you for listening and for your careful consideration of our comments.

Maria Powell, PhD
Executive Director, Midwest Environmental Justice Organization
Madison, WI 53704
608-240-1485, mariapowell@mejo.us, mejo.us

****My home/office is 1311 Lake View Ave, Madison 53704 (about 2 miles west of the airport).** F-16 fighter jets fly over regularly on some of their routes from Truax Field. When the jets go over it is extremely loud and inhibits conversations--and if we are outside or on our screen porch, we cannot hear anything and have to stop conversation entirely as several jets fly over one by one (usually they fly in groups). At times, they wake us at night when larger numbers of jets deploy at once. At our garden down the street, a bit closer to the base, the noise is even louder and the overhead flights are even more frequent.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bryan <outerlimitsbab@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Re: Horrible F-35s

And I'm Bryan Benwitz at 2434 Independence Lane Madison WI. Thanks

From: Bryan
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Madison Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Horrible F-35s

Madison Alders,

Do NOT approve the F-35s! Don't do that to Madison! Worst idea of the century! Thank you.

From: john barkei <barkeij@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: CC resolution 57364

Dear Alders,

While I am in favor of the economic development that bringing these to Madison might promote, I live under the flight paths and have serious doubts about projected noise levels, given current levels.

There is currently too much jet noise in terms of volume in dB and time of day, with flights starting at 5:45am and continuing until around 11:30pm. There is no 8 hour period of relief from it, though I understand many other large municipalities place restrictions. The F-16s generally take off and land in groups of 2-4 planes, so the noise is more or less continuous for several minutes, not just momentarily.

I have lived on Upham St since 1994, and there has been significant increase in dB, number of flights and flight hours in that period, especially with the F-16s, and bringing F-35s would almost certainly be another step in that trend, probably paving the way for louder 'F-50s' in the future. It is also my observation that there seems to have been an increase in the use of after burners on F-16s since the F-35 debate began.

I am also concerned about current and future water pollution from chemical use (especially PFAS) with the planes, and want more analysis.

Further, I think having F-35s housed here would put Madison at greater risk of being targeted if there was some conflict, not somehow safer.

As stated in Common Council resolution 57364v4, all of these issues affect residents' health and well-being and their property values and therefore the city's tax base, with health and well-being diminishments disproportionately affect those with lower incomes.

I would suggest working toward a compromise of accepting the F-35s if there was a plan to mitigate these issues. However, that seems idealistic rather than realistic, and regretfully write to voice my support of the Common Council resolution 57364 v4 at this time.

Sincerely,

John Barkei

From: Pilar Rebecca Gomez-Ibanez <pilarrebecca@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:27 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Support for City Council Resolution opposing F-35s at Truax

Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of the City Council Resolution sponsored by Alders Foster, Kemble and Rummel, opposing F-35s at Truax.

I share the concerns outlined in the resolution, including the disproportionate effect on children and families of color and lower-income residents; the loss of affordable homes; and the effect on human and environmental health. I am deeply troubled by the longstanding pattern of locating the most polluting, dangerous, and disruptive industries in areas of poverty. I am also concerned with the F-35s' effect on our environment, including groundwater contamination, air pollution, and the effects of both noise and pollution on animals, birds, and aquatic life. Finally, I have a moral objection to nuclear warfare, and believe it runs counter to everything we should stand for as a community.

I live on the near east side of Madison, where we are regularly buzzed by the flights of the current F-16 fighter jets. They are ear-splitting. Conversation stops, the dishes rattle in the cupboards, the dog is terrified. I can't imagine how unbearable the increased noise of the F-35s will be for people living so much closer to Truax, close to the take-off and landing areas, in the zone the Air Force has concluded will be uninhabitable.

Please support the resolution tonight opposing F-35s in Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pilar Gomez-Ibanez
1326 Dewey Ct
Madison, WI 53703

From: Corryn Cue <corryn.cue@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:29 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: F-35A beddown in Madison

Dear Representatives,

I'm writing to oppose the housing of the F35 jets in Madison and support the resolution being brought by Alder Grant Foster.

One of the biggest problems facing our city right now is a lack of affordable housing. The housing and operations of these jets will affect far too many households, lowering immediate property values (and tax revenues) and making access to quality affordable housing worse. The area affected disproportionately affects minorities and low-income communities that have the least ability to come and speak out for themselves.

If losing and worsening the worst-hit housing were the brunt of this I would still say it's not worth the cost, but the increased noise and air-traffic will affect schools and places of work in the 65 db area.

I once lived in an apartment while going to school and lived through the effects of at times debilitating noise levels. In my case, it was low frequency noise from a neighbor. The volume was not the issue, but the physical vibrations traveling through my unit were. I never knew when it would happen, how long it would last, and found it fruitless asking anyone for help. It affected my sleep, my school performance, and largely my mental health.

Who will those affected turn to for help?

Please. Support Alder Foster's resolution to oppose housing the F35s in our community. Particularly in tonight's common council meeting, but also beyond.

Sincerely,
Corryn Cue

From: Sol Kelley-Jones <solkelleyjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Resolution in OPPOSITION to F-35 Deployment at Truax

Dear Madison Common Council Alders,

I am writing to you today to urge you to support the resolution before you tonight in opposition to the F-35 Deployment at Truax.

As a Madison resident, I am deeply concerned about the F-35 program being stationed at Truax, the significant and detrimental environmental impact of the deployment and the sound pollution it would generate, impacting residents, especially children. Likewise, I am troubled by the overall message this project sends by prioritizing expensive weapons of aggression and violence that are regressive and incongruent with the values of the City of Madison – an innovative and forward moving city with a commitment to the environment and the common good.

While advocates of this project have touted the economic benefits, the facts are that the job production would actually be very small and would be dwarfed by its costs to the community. Investing in jobs and sustainable economic opportunity for our community is critical, but we as a city should be investing and prioritizing jobs in sectors like health, clean energy, and education. These sectors are life-affirming, forward moving, and positive for our city and world community, unlike the F-35 project that cynically furthers industries of war and violence and underwrites more profits for war profiteers like the F-35 manufactures, Lockheed Martin, one of the most profitable arms manufactures in the world now seeing record profits.

As a city resident, a parent, and an advocate for a more just and equitable city where all our residents can thrive and enjoy a quality of life, I urge you to support the resolution opposing the F-35 program before you tonight and stand for the health, well-being of our city's residents and Madison as a city that values investment in our children's future, not the machinery and industry that is designed to eliminate life and profit from violent conflict.

With appreciation for the work you do,

Sol Kelley-Jones

4341 Crawford Drive

Madison, WI, 53711

solkelleyjones@gmail.com

From: Jenny K. Kavanagh <jkavanagh@dhamadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35 Basing

I request that you oppose the F-35 basing proposal this evening. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kavanagh | Orthodontic Assistant
Dental Health Associates
East Clinic | 49 N. Walbridge Ave | Madison, WI 53714
South Clinic | 2971 Chapel Valley Road | Madison, WI 53711
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From: Jessica Thorsen <jessicathorsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:34 PM
To: All Alders; Together Truax
Subject: F-35

I 100% support the F-35s coming to Madison! The fact that the noise is an issue is just outrageous! The noise happens for 40 minutes a day for 4 days a week. That's nothing! It's the sound of freedom! We should be thankful for all service people who proudly serve for us. They sacrifice their lives to protect us and I'm pretty sure people in our area can sacrifice hearing 40 minutes a day of wonderful noise.

Please vote yes for the F-35s
Thanks!
Jessica Showers

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Veronica Figueroa <artmvfdesign@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:35 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor
Subject: F35's

Good evening,

My apologies for not being present at the City Council meeting tonight due to a work traveling commitment. My family and I live on the north side of town. We are concern about the possibility of having an F35's base about 10 minutes away from my house, the park where my children and other children play and the middle and elementary schools as well as the community center in the area. I'm writing to express my opposition to this proposal. I welcome the resolution presented by Alder Rebecca Kemble and other alders against the base. Entertaining any other resolution sends the message that north side residents have no value to this body. Due to my work and other family commitments I haven't been able to express my concerns about this recent attack to north side residents. Thank you for your consideration. I hope you support the resolution submitted by alder Kemble.

Sincerely,

Veronica Figueroa Velez
Northside Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Delaney Cairns <dcair152@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F-35's at Truax

Dear Alder Kimble, Alder Abbas, and Madison Alders,

I live in District 18, on the border of District 12, and I'm writing to ask that you vote tonight to oppose the F-35's at Truax. I have migraine headache episodes that are debilitating. Beside medication, what helps the most during these episodes is laying in a dark and quiet room.

The noise from the F-16 jets already impact me during these episodes, but when I moved in I understood the frequency with which these jets would fly. A 47% increase in the frequency of flights and potential increase in sound that the F-35's would bring concern me. There are many others, I am sure, who would be affected in various ways by the increased activity and noise of these planes.

Thank you for considering this issue,
Delaney

Delaney Cairns
438 East Bluff
Madison, WI, 53704

From: Lisa Schreibersdorf <l.schreibersdorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose F35 beddown at Truax

I am writing to support the Madison City Council resolution opposing F-35s at Truax. I am very concerned about the negative environmental impact. Furthermore, the potential economic benefits are low, especially when considered along with the economic losses resulting from the loss of homes and potential businesses in the affected neighborhoods. I believe it is important for our City government to speak up for us, the residents of the city.

Lisa Schreibersdorf
2701 Willard Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

From: Lucas Graves <lucas.graves@gmail.com> on behalf of Lucas Graves <lucasgraves@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:42 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please vote NO on F35!!!!

Please vote NO on the supersonic, super polluting, F-35. I live at 157 Ohio Street, where I hear almost every plane leaving MSN, and I strongly oppose locating this program so close to a major residential center!

Thank you
Lucas Graves

From: Megan Bjella <mbjella@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No F-35s, please support the resolution

Dear Alders,

Please support the resolution at tonight's common council meeting to oppose the F-35 fighter jets. The jets would disproportionately affect communities of color, children, and low-income people. Supporters of the jets suggest that they will create jobs, however there are other ways to create jobs that do not take such a toll on our community and other communities around the world.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Megan Bjella
District 6 resident
1219 Spaight St, Apt 2

From: John Sorrel W <john.sorrel.weakland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:49 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Dane County voter John Weakland wants rejection of F35

I am a voter in district 6 and I strongly oppose F35s coming to Truax, because of the noise nuisance, but even more so because they do not represent our values.

John Weakland
2117 Linden Ave, Madison, WI 53704

From: Tracy Butcher <parducci2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 115th FW

As a concerned citizen I am writing this email to urge you to oppose the resolution to not bring the F-35 here to Madison. The 115th FW has played a vital role in our community for years. They even played a very prominent role on September 11, 2001!

The military has an effect on our economy. You would be eliminating jobs for our military as well as spouses and family members.

Please think hard and long before opposing the F-35.

Respectfully,

Tracy Herwig

From: Susan Maia McNamara <smmcnamara7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 jets @ Truax

Hello all,

Please support the resolution that rejects the location of F-35 jets at Truax Field.

I do NOT want the F-35's flying over Madison. It will create noise pollution that will be so powerful, it will result in the relocation of Madison residents. Please do not question my patriotism because I merely want to protect and preserve the "peace and quiet" of my neighborhood. Hearing loss because jets are performing training routes so close by the Madison population is not a far-fetched notion. The F-35's should be located in a less populated area that will not impact the health and well being of so many citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susan Maia McNamara
2201 Center Ave # 2
Madison WI 53704

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Kleckner <dskleckner@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

As residents of Wisconsin we support the F-35 fighter for the 115th Fighter Wing coming to Truax Field in Madison. It's always a case of no one wanting it in their backyard but the 115th has been a good neighbor in Madison and we feel safer with them in Wisconsin.

David Kleckner
Suzanne Kleckner
Keith Rismeyer
Chris Rismeyer

Sent from my iPhone

From: Miller, Michael <MillerM@beloitwi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:53 PM
To: All Alders

Dear Alders, I am writing to express mine and my wife's, as well as our adult children's support of the United States Air Force decision to move the newest, state of art fighter jets to our city! We have fought hard to make our local base attractive to the USAF and are SO close to being rewarded greatly! Please consider opposing the resolution that opposes the F-35 basing, in our city. We love watching the F-16's fly overhead while circling for landings. Every time I see them, I say "that's our freedom"! God bless all of those hard working service people. Not only do the new jets bring in a huge amount of money to our economy, but they bring jobs for many years to come.

I can't speak for those opposing, but I can say that they moved into a residence near the airport - what did they expect? Currently, there are F-16's, commercial jets and other loud aircraft, and that's not going to change. The only change is a little added noise - for our freedom. The small percentage of folks affected is not the will of the people. Please cast your vote for the majority of the residents. Last thing - those you didn't hear from are most likely in favor of the jets, or they would be writing thousands and thousands of letters.

Michael Miller
3034 Dorchester Way
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From: Tammy Bieberstein <jybolybey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:54 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35's

General Information

Name: Tammy Bieberstein
Address: 1320 Spaight St.
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53703
Phone: 608-257-1329
Work Phone:
Email: jybolybey@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I respond in opposition to the F-35's being stationed at Truax Field,, or anywhere in Madison.

It is wrong to displace 1000s of people by rendering their homes uninhabitable for the F-35's to be located here, and most of the people affected directly can not afford to lose their affordable housing. We already have a housing shortage in Madison making the costs go up so even more people can't afford descent housing.

The F-16s are already too loud as it is, not to mention the airlines overhead.

We in the US spend more on military than the rest of the countries with military spending combined. We can do better things with our tax dollars.

Also, since the money is already spent, there are other places in the state that could really benefit from the boost in their economy by locating the F-35's in their areas, provided care is taken not to displace anyone from their homes.

Please take what I say in consideration,

Thank you, Tammy Bieberstein

Recipient:
All Alders

From: Gary Stephens <stephensge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 Basing Decision

I strongly support the selection of Madison WI (Triad Field / Dane County Regional Airport). It's an honor to be selected as qualified to be responsible for this next generation aircraft to help safeguard the northern border of America. Also, It's a huge responsibility. Many people in WI, including myself, have want Madison (Wisconsin) to remain a key part of nation's security. The people that I know on the base, have a great mix of skills, which they can also use in the Madison community in the future, as volunteer opportunities too.

Gary Stephens
Fitchburg, WI

Note: Also once lived in Long Beach, CA within 5 miles of The Long Beach, CA airport for about 8 years.

From: ju...er Y <juliwagner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:01 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Oppose F-35 plan for Truax

I oppose the plans for F-35 operation at Truax.

The impacts and costs on immediate and surrounding residents, businesses, neighborhoods, natural resources and supporting resources (city, county, health, etc) far exceed any benefit.

The F-35 itself appears to be a sub-par vehicle and program in terms of performance and benefit to the military branches, and at great cost.

Engage the federal and military stakeholders for better outcomes for all parties involved. Reject F-35 operation in Madison and at Truax.

Juli Wagner
133 S Franklin St
District 6

From: Karolyn Beebe <keedo70@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Clean Water-NO jets at Truax Please

Dear Alders of Madison,

You have my strong support for the Resolution against F-35 in Madison.

The US military activities have laced so much with PFAS and other chemicals.

When you find a way to do so, demand that the US military use the Truax Field property as their lab for discovering how to make these waters clean again.

**Thank you,
Karolyn Beebe
220 Merry Street
Madison - 53704**

From: Chris Arenz <chrisarenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for F-35 Basing

I am the Executive Director of the Badger Air Community Council and represent almost 4,000 supporters in the Madison of basing the F-35 in Madison. I live in District 1, but understand the concern that has been generated in the community surrounding the airport. I believe the concern is unnecessary. I am a retired F-16 pilot and can tell you from first hand experience that the assumptions around the number of operations that will occur in the F-35 are grossly overstated. That overstated number has driven the noise contours to be bigger, encompassing more homes, than will be seen in practice. In my EIS commentary to the Air Force, I have asked for a "most-likely" scenario noise contour that mirrors the operations of the F-16 - which will be the steady-state operations of the F-35

Bottom line is there will be no perceptible difference between the F-16 and F-35.

Thank you,
Chris Arenz

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bidar, Shiva
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Baldwin Letter on F-35 EIS
Attachments: 2019.08.23 Baldwin Letter to Air Force_F35 Truax EIS.pdf; ATT00001.htm

FYI

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From: Souter, Blake (Baldwin) <Blake_Souter@baldwin.senate.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 10:43 AM
Subject: Baldwin Letter on F-35 EIS
To: Mary Bottari <mary.bottari@gmail.com>

Attached.

BLAKE SOUTER

Legislative Assistant – National Security, Veterans, Foreign Affairs

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Mary Bottari

Office of the Mayor

Veldran, Lisa

From: Adam Barr <adam@Madisonbiz.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Correcting the Record on the F-35 basing
Attachments: Correcting the Record.pdf

Greetings Alders,

As the Mayor stated this afternoon, there are a number of misconceptions about the F-35 basing. We've done our diligence over the past few weeks to discern fact from fiction, and produced the attached in the hope that you will find it useful.

Best,
Adam

ADAM BARR
Public Policy Manager

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GREATER MADISON
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 23, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Donovan
Secretary (Acting)
U.S. Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing in regards to the United States Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the F-35A mission at Truax Air National Guard Base. The 115th Fighter Wing has a proud history of serving the nation, the State of Wisconsin and the Madison community, and the 115th's many years of experience in the F-16 makes it highly suitable for the F-35 mission. Not only is Truax the most cost-effective location for this mission for the taxpayers, I also understand the importance of the Guard base to the local economy, with an estimated impact of over \$100 million annually. While transitioning to the F-35A mission will bring an economic benefit to the region that is welcomed, I also share the concern of some in our community about the potential noise impacts that have been estimated by the DEIS. As the planning process moves forward, the Air Force should provide more clarity on the potential noise impacts to the community. In addition, prior to the release of the final Environmental Impact Statement, the Air Force should publicly outline steps it will take to mitigate impacts to the community.

The draft projects that F-35 training requirements will increase annual air operations from 4,900 (F-16C) to 6,222 air operations (F-35A). However, the DEIS does not take into consideration that, according to historical data, not all air operations take place at Truax ANG Base. For many years, approximately 20% of air operations have been conducted at locations other than Truax. Utilizing an estimate based on 100% home station, the DEIS projects a maximum possible impact to as many as 2,215 residents in a part of the Madison community that faces socio-economic challenges. However, it is my understanding that if air operations were conducted at a rate more in line with historical data, there would be a less severe impact on the community. Regarding the number of air operations, please answer the following questions:

1. What percentage of all F-35A air operations for the 115th will take place at Truax?
2. If the assessment accounted for an 80% home state rate in line with historical data, would that reduce the amount of people affected by noise?
3. How will air operations and associated impacts change over time?

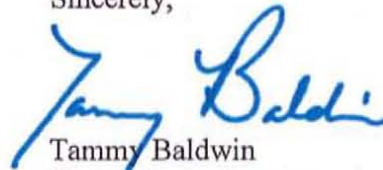
Additionally, the DEIS notes that children in particular may be impacted by noise. The DEIS states that two parks, two schools and three daycare centers fall within the 65 Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL)—the point considered to be when aircraft noise has a discernable impact. This is an issue of particular concern for the Madison community and I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. When will there be an increase of noise interference, above current missions, that may impact school operations from continuing without interference?
2. What options are there to mitigate potential impacts of noise?

Finally, while I understand that the purpose of the DEIS was to identify the maximum potential impacts, and the scope of the document does not include a mitigation strategy, I would appreciate in writing, the USAF's plan to work with me, the FAA, the State of Wisconsin and the Madison community to mitigate any potential impacts, particularly on children and low-income communities.

I look forward to working with you to provide mitigation efforts for those that may be impacted and to a continued partnership to support America's airmen and women.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

Correcting the Record: F-35A at Truax Field

Myth: According to Lockheed Martin, the F-16 can fly to 2070 and beyond. If the base is not in danger of closing, the real economic impact of the F-35 is 64 new jobs.

Fact: The F-16C/D Block 30 has been in service at Truax Field since 1992 and is nearing the end of its service life. The U.S. Air Force is replacing the F-16 with the F-35A, and basing the F-35A at Truax Field will secure a [flying mission](#) for the 115th Fighter Wing for decades to come.

Air National Guard bases that lose their flying mission have faced significant personnel cuts and commensurate reductions in economic impact. After losing its flying mission, the 131st Fighter Wing of the Missouri Air National Guard [transferred its F-15s](#) to other bases and reassigned 600 guardsmen to a base 3 hours away. 400 guardsmen remain to provide mission support functions. Then U.S. Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson [said under oath](#) to Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont during a 2018 hearing that if Burlington did not get the F-35A, they would likely lose their flying mission.

Without a flying mission, the 115th Fighter Wing would have less [military value](#) and be much more susceptible to closure in a future round of base realignment. The F-35A ensures a flying mission for the 115th Fighter Wing and the continuation of its 1,200 jobs and \$100 million local economic impact, as well as 64 new permanent jobs and 315-420 construction jobs.

Opponents have suggested that the 115th Fighter Wing could simply accept used F-16s from other bases when its jets reach the end of their life. There are a few problems with this. The U.S. Air Force [stopped purchasing](#) F-16s in 2005, so these would be used jets with flight hours on them already. Additionally, these jets would be newer Block 50 F-16s that have approximately the same noise levels as the F-35A.

Myth: The F-35A jets will be at least four times louder than the F-16s that currently fly over Madison.

Fact: The Royal Netherlands Air Force conducted [noise trials](#) in advance of their F-35A basing to allow residents to compare the noise levels with the F-16. Both jets flew 14 passes each and 1,500 residents provided real-time feedback on their impressions. Based on their responses, the differences were minor, with the F-16 perceived as having a more piercing sound. Sensors measured sound on the ground at various locations and the F-16 registered 112 dB at its loudest, while the F-35A was 109 dB at its loudest. [According to experts](#), the minimum change in sound level the human ear can detect is 3 dB.

Myth: The F-35 jet will fly 47 percent more than the current F-16 squadron.

Fact: After pilots are F-35A qualified and the [alert mission](#) (protecting the homeland from threats) is transitioned from the F-16s to the F-35s, the EIS projects an overall increase of 27 percent instead of 47 percent. According to the EIS and the [City of Madison EIS analysis](#), the F-16 drawdown should coincide with the arrivals of the F-35 and pilots being qualified. The EIS states that F-35A will arrive 2023-2024, meaning there will be a steep drop in military aircraft operations after the first year.

Once pilots are F-35A qualified, off-station sorties (flights that takeoff or land from other airfields) and deployments will resume, and that has historically made up 20 percent of all aircraft operations. Additionally, Madison should have fewer flights than other comparable Wings with F-35s because the 115th Fighter Wing averages a 10 percent loss of flights due to weather and needs fewer takeoffs and landings due to the ability to refuel in the air, thanks to the 128th Refueling Wing in Milwaukee. These reductions are not accounted for in the EIS.

Myth: Thousands of residents will be in homes unsuitable for habitation.

From the [City of Madison EIS analysis](#): "This should not, however, be interpreted as the homes being uninhabitable as has been discussed by some in the community. It's not uncommon for residential units to be within the 65 dB contour, particularly in older cities and metro areas where the airport is relatively centrally located. This is the case with other airports in the region including Chicago O'Hare, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis Saint Paul."

Municipalities determine where residents can live. The [City of Madison EIS analysis](#) says clearly that incompatible for residential use does not mean uninhabitable. The FAA's designation of incompatibility defines whether FAA funding can be used to mitigate noise.

The noise impact figures and noise contours found in the EIS are based on aircraft operations that will only exist during the first year. The long-term noise impact will be substantially lower, affecting far fewer residents than indicated in the EIS.

Dane County Regional Airport's official noise exposure maps include the F-16 taking off in afterburner 100 percent of the time without roughly 30,000 more annual aircraft operations than the airport had last year. The Royal Netherlands Air Force [noise trials](#) show the F-16 at its loudest (in afterburner) is louder than the F-35A. The logical conclusion is that the noise contours for the F-35A should not be too dissimilar than today's noise exposure maps.

Just as Dane County Regional Airport did in the 1990's, a Part 150 study would be conducted, and sound mitigation provided for anyone impacted by airport noise. As a result of the study, the number of residents within the 65-75 dB DNL contours has dropped by roughly 3,000 since 1990.

Myth: Mitigation will not be available for residents just outside the EIS noise contours.

Fact: EIS maps are not the maps that determine [Part 150 eligibility](#). Dane County Regional Airport will conduct its own study using actual measurements and operations to determine noise exposure, and after approval from the FAA, eligibility will be established. The airport's official noise exposure maps have been very different than what the [1996 EIS](#) showed, due to poor assumptions in the EIS and proactive operational mitigation strategies by the airport and the 115th Fighter Wing.

Myth: Dane County is responsible for all noise abatement.

As the sponsor, Dane County Regional Airport would apply for an [Airport Improvement Program](#) grant with the FAA as part of [Part 150](#). Under the program, the FAA would cover 90 percent of noise abatement costs. Dane County Regional Airport last sponsored a Part 150 program in the 1990's.

Myth: The F-35 will bring nuclear weapons to Madison.

Fact: The 115th Fighter Wing does not have a nuclear mission. The F-16s that have been flown at Truax Field for the past 32 years were also nuclear capable jets. While the F-35A is a nuclear capable aircraft, it will not ship to Truax Field with the necessary hardware or software due to the lack of a nuclear mission. The [City of Madison EIS analysis](#) supports this.



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MAY 22 2018

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

Thank you for your April 9, 2018 letter supporting the Air Force decision to base the F-35 at Burlington Air National Guard Base and for sharing the Burlington City Council's resolution.

We expect the first F-35 aircraft to arrive in Burlington in 2019. This decision was finalized in 2013 after a 48-month review which assessed 205 locations and concluded that the Burlington International Airport was the best Air National Guard option. If that decision were to be reversed, the Vermont Air National Guard would likely lose their flying mission upon the retirement of the F-16s. The Air Force is much smaller than it was at the end of the Cold War. We have fewer bases and fewer aircraft. As a result, some states no longer have flying missions for their National Guard and the competition to secure new missions is fierce.

As you mentioned in your letter, we received numerous comments on hosting F-35s at Burlington during the Environmental Impact Statement public involvement phases. Within this process, we addressed for public record the questions the City Council expressed in its resolution. As this basing action moves forward, we will continue to engage transparently with the community. In recent meetings I have had with Governor Scott and members of Vermont's Congressional delegation, they have also expressed their continued support for the Vermont Air National Guard and our decision to modernize fighter aircraft stationed there.

The Air Force has made significant investments in the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington. We estimate capital expenditures over the next 5 years to exceed \$100 million dollars, with payroll contributions of \$50 million dollars per year. Additionally, the Air National Guard will continue to provide the fire and safety equipment supporting the joint use of the airport by both military and commercial operations.

In every generation, there is a small percentage of Americans who volunteer to protect the rest of us. "The Green Mountain Boys" have made that commitment. The Air Force appreciates the leaders of Vermont and their support for our Airmen and for the modernization of their equipment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Wilson", is positioned above the printed name. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Heather Wilson



F-35, F-16 Noise Difference Small, Netherlands Study Shows

[Aerospace Daily & Defense Report](#)

[Tony Osborne](#)

Tue, 2016-05-31 11:43

LONDON – Analysis of the first noise trials in the Netherlands with the [F-35](#) Joint Strike Fighter has found that the difference in noise levels between the F-35 and [F-16](#) is perceived to be small.

The first trials took place May 26 following the May 23 arrival of two F-35As at Leeuwarden air base after the first eastbound transatlantic crossing by the new fighter. The aircraft has widely been reported to be louder than early and later models of the F-16 with more powerful engines. But the F-35's sound characteristics are different.

According to the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) and the Netherlands Aerospace Center (NLR), which monitored the results of the online questionnaire in real-time as the sorties were flown, people living near Leeuwarden found that the noise difference between the two types tended to be minor. Locals suggested that the F-35 is less noisy than the high-pitch whine produced by the F-16.

The NLR and the RNLAf say this data is backed up by noise measuring equipment located near the base which measured peaks of around 109 dB for the F-35 and around 112 dB for the F-16. The F-35s were flown clean—with no external weapons or tanks—in what the RNLAf describes as a “training configuration commonly used for the Netherlands.”

As part of the first trials, the air force performed a series of 28 passes, 14 with the F-35 and 14 with the F-16. Seven passes took place in the morning and seven in the evening, with and without rehear. Residents were then asked online to answer a series of questions about how they perceived the noise.

Around 1,500 households took part in the surveys near Leeuwarden and Volkel, the two Dutch air bases that will receive the F-35. The air force says the households were well distributed to give an impression of the noise impact around the bases.

As well as testing noise perception, the deployment will also confirm the compatibility of the F-35 with the hardened aircraft shelters on Dutch airfields. Later, the F-35 will make its European debut with an appearance at the RNLAf's Open Dagen airshow at Leeuwarden June 10-11.

The Netherlands currently has four pilots and 27 maintainers, and its cadre will grow substantially over the next three years as the Netherlands prepares for 37 aircraft to be permanently based, starting with Leeuwarden in 2019 and Volkel Air Base in 2021.

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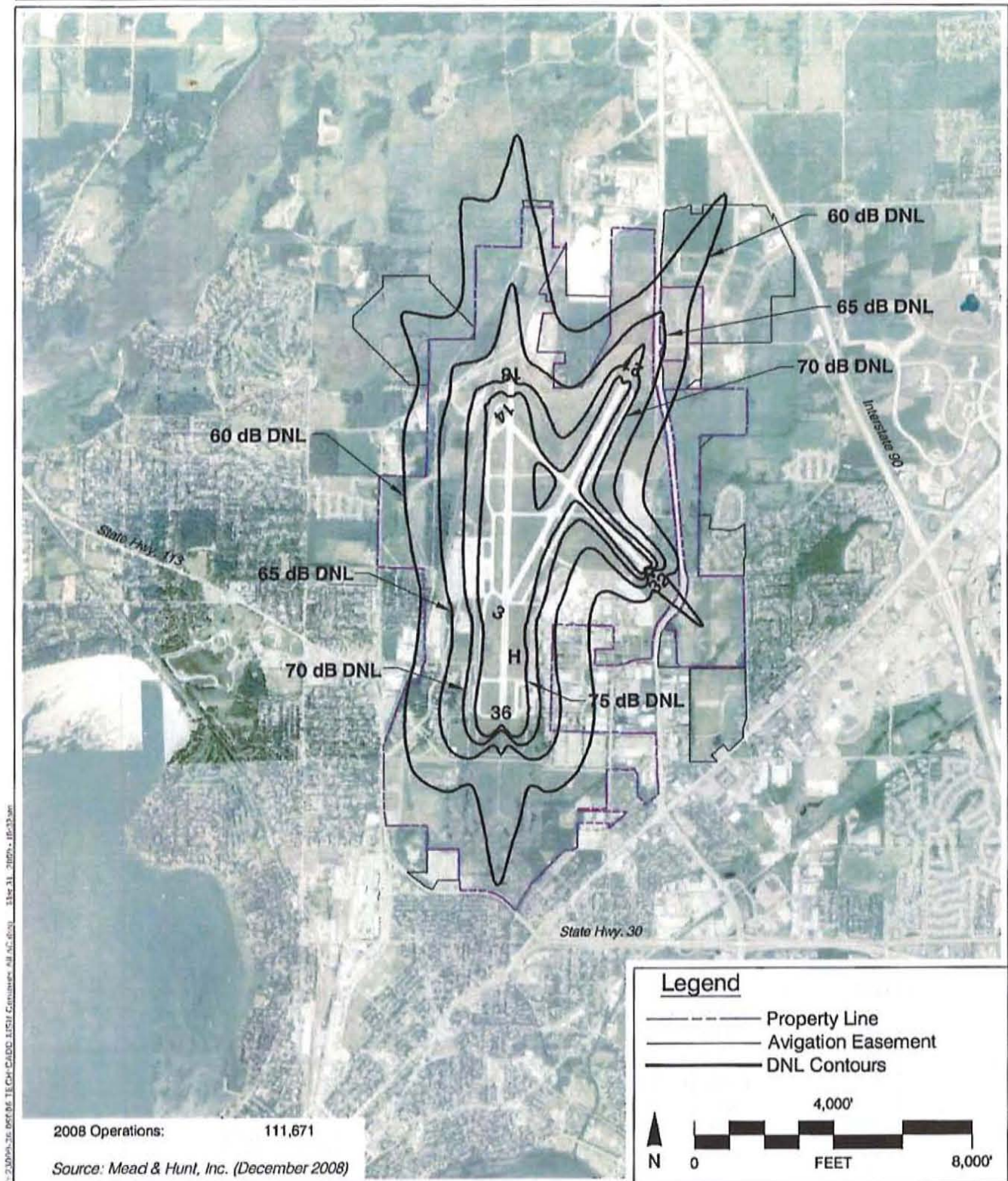


Exhibit 9

2008 Noise Contours - All Aircraft with F-16 Afterburner Departures

Dane County Regional Airport

DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

Annual Aircraft Operations

YEAR	COMMERCIAL	GENERAL AVIATION			MILITARY			COMBINED TOTALS
	AIR CARRIERS	Local	Itinerant	Total	Local	Itinerant	Total	
1952	13,539	2,285	9,835	12,220	8,858	20,523	29,481	55,240
1975	24,611	88,491	89,191	155,682	13,454	9,693	23,147	203,440
1976	25,383	90,626	79,294	169,920	11,249	8,242	19,491	214,784
1977	27,066	84,963	70,730	155,693	8,293	7,382	15,655	198,414
1978	22,534	99,993	84,077	184,070	14,736	8,793	23,529	230,133
1979	22,904	100,715	87,360	188,075	13,428	8,348	21,776	232,756
1980	21,680	90,431	82,263	172,694	9,592	7,753	17,445	211,819
1981	16,134	68,347	80,994	149,341	6,755	7,957	14,712	182,187
1982	21,247	42,327	65,466	107,793	7,407	6,851	14,258	143,298
1983	21,695	47,305	63,360	110,665	8,122	6,976	15,098	147,458
1984	25,485	43,574	61,730	105,304	5,476	6,619	12,095	142,884
1985	32,820	48,483	55,443	103,926	8,291	7,580	15,871	152,817
1986	34,383	52,488	58,702	111,190	6,852	7,737	14,589	160,162
1987	29,294	47,021	57,174	104,195	5,650	7,184	12,834	146,323
1988	28,534	47,664	55,998	103,662	6,768	7,785	14,553	147,749
1989	29,159	46,472	58,270	106,742	5,218	8,812	14,030	149,931
1990	30,816	47,540	57,023	104,563	4,722	8,870	13,592	148,971
1991	30,137	43,852	51,474	95,326	3,002	7,598	10,600	136,063
1992	33,209	46,346	49,938	98,284	2,924	6,902	9,826	141,319
1993	32,430	51,052	48,944	99,996	3,296	7,874	11,170	143,596
1994	29,898	61,618	56,840	118,458	3,142	6,425	9,567	157,921
1995	29,614	62,299	55,426	107,725	2,368	6,611	8,979	146,318
1996	31,456	60,457	54,447	114,904	2,858	6,044	8,700	155,060
1997	32,287	51,104	54,674	105,978	2,343	4,898	7,239	145,504
1998	33,637	46,861	56,615	103,576	2,273	5,226	7,499	144,712
1999	35,832	41,917	58,288	100,185	2,839	5,102	8,041	144,168
2000	36,829	27,705	55,377	83,082	1,734	4,098	5,832	125,743
2001	40,086	29,287	52,881	81,958	1,715	4,796	6,511	128,555
2002	43,850	28,196	50,874	78,870	1,801	4,877	6,778	125,498
2003	42,010	33,096	50,016	83,112	2,082	4,286	6,368	131,490
2004	41,967	32,620	47,875	80,495	2,291	4,920	7,211	129,673
2005	39,528	25,442	43,190	68,832	2,330	5,328	7,658	115,818
2006	39,034	25,960	42,489	68,449	2,865	5,285	8,130	115,613
2007	39,768	31,251	39,927	71,178	4,112	4,702	8,814	119,760
2008	37,309	29,195	35,416	64,611	4,425	4,789	9,214	111,134
2009	32,790	29,134	25,804	54,938	4,926	4,048	8,972	96,700
2010	32,172	24,651	30,422	55,073	3,886	5,074	8,960	96,205
2011	32,587	17,302	28,328	45,630	1,022	4,024	5,046	83,283
2012	31,432	16,288	29,054	45,342	953	5,060	6,003	82,777
2013	34,106	17,897	27,882	45,689	561	4,504	5,065	84,860
2014	32,877	13,000	28,546	41,546	395	4,298	4,693	79,116
2015	29,520	14,182	29,592	43,774	466	4,236	4,702	77,998
2016	30,182	15,098	30,762	45,860	342	5,039	5,381	81,403
2017	30,552	18,239	31,030	49,269	230	3,488	3,718	83,539
2018	34,083	17,788	30,407	46,195	266	5,034	5,300	87,578

From: Julianna Shaul <julianna.shaul@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: resolution 57364

Your Honor, greetings and thank you for your considerations about this matter. I am opposed to having F35 fighter jets be sited in our town. This is not NIMBY issue. It is protection of those who have no recourse, once these jets would claim the sky and poison the water and earth.

Madison is a community that cares for its residents. Fighter jets already have contaminated our well water, and those responsible have done nothing. More toxic pollutants would result from the stepping up of this activity. Science tells us that the much greater noise would have lasting negative impacts on the physical and mental health of children, the aged, and sensitive citizens of our city who live, work, and go to school in this area.

We should not let our neighborhoods of affordable housing be made unsafe for the most sensitive, and undesirable for others to live in. Although the Air Force claims property values would fall only 5 %, who would want to buy or rent in that area, once these much-noisier jets come? Even if some of these struggling homeowners would be paid for their homes, where would they find other housing in Madison? Even if a home is sound-insulated (and we can't count on any agency doing that), what about the other homes fifty feet farther away, who will still be strongly affected when the weather makes the jets take off in a different direction? And nature is important to humans. What would protect people's enjoyment of yards and sidewalks and schoolyards if these shocking sounds become commonplace?

Another issue is that we don't want our young people to be trained to, possibly, deliver nuclear warheads, and first strike at that. Learning to ignore one's affect on the world is bad for our young people, or anyone.

Your Honor, please consider seeing this as a City of Madison issue. Please help us remain the great good place we are, and hope more and more to be. We need green jobs, not eco-toxic jobs, for Madison! Thank you.

Julianna Shaul 3608 Gregory St. Madison, WI 53711

From: bconner44 <bconner44@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Truax field Jets

Born on the east side of Madison now almost 70. The Jets were there before I was. served with Truax Air National Guard during Vietnam. The Jets in the old days were breaking the sound barrier multiple times a day, so things have improved immensely. You cannot have someone protect you and then shackle them in the process. The Denver Airport was moved because of the noise issue and now suburbs have built around the new one. and they are complaining again. You cannot have it both ways. Truax has been instrumental for decades in the safety of the Midwest and should continue to be.

Bob Conner

From: Allison Dungan <dungan.allison@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:26 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Joe Muellenberg
Subject: No - F35s

To: City of Madison Alders and Mayor
From: Allison Dungan and Joe Muellenberg, 2761 Union St, Madison, WI 53704

I am in support of a Thriving, Inclusive, and Innovative city of Madison - I do not believe an expansion of military flights at Truax field to include F35's is in alignment with those values of the city. Furthermore; while it may not be a decision for the City to make I believe that it is imperative that we tell the air force about the way in which the proposal is or is not in alignment with City values. In addition to living within the City and in an area in the flight path, I also work for the City. While I am writing this email as a citizen it is true that I bring feelings to my opinions based on my service as an employee. I have done the surveys and put in the time to learn about Racial Equity and Social Justice initiative, to learn about performance management and strategic planning, to think about equity in contracting and sustainability in budgeting. Nothing about expanding flights seems to be in alignment with those city values. We were asked to imagine Madison as inclusive, innovative and thriving - how does the expansion to include F35s hold up?

Land-use and transportation: I have not seen anything to indicate that the increase will benefit land-use or transportation. The no action alternative will still get aviation support at the airport. There are some bike paths in the area and I would guess the noise would decrease folx wanting to use those paths. I would guess that it would negatively impact development growth in the area along some major existing transportation infrastructure.

Neighborhoods and Housing: This is certainly not a winning proposal for the Northside neighborhoods nor for housing. The EIS shows this location as the option where the most people would be displaced. I would guess that count is low based on the number of people who are doubled or tripled up in housing in the impacted area but are not on leases. As was reported at the Public Meeting on September 12th the folx living in the trailer homes won't even qualify for noise abatement support because their residencies are not considered permanent. Many Alders and the Mayor ran on a platform for addressing housing shortages. This seems counter to the comp plan strategies and to those promises. I won't go on - this is a no brainer. We can't afford to lose this housing stock but you know who really can't afford it? The people living in those houses.

Economy and opportunity : The EIS shows that new jobs that will be created are military jobs. This will not create long term new jobs for Madisonians. Several business owners presented comments that the increased noise would hurt their businesses in the area. I understand what the airforce gains from this. It is unclear to me how this would help Madison's economy. I would guess that property values would decrease in the area to the tune of significant loss in tax revenue. I don't understand why we are not talking about this. Our services - the ones like housing all those folks who will be displaced and testing the wells that may be contaminated run off of tax revenue. This is a lose lose for us as far as I can tell.

Culture and Character: Madison is known as being a desirable place to live. The lakes, the markets, the friendly people, the art, it's all so wonderful. I personally love the culture of a bloody on the tip top patio on a Saturday morning! You know what would not make it better? Loud fighter jets that remind me that we might be storing nuclear weapons, potentially making us a target for a terrorist attack.

Green and Resilient: Jets consume fossil fuels - lots of them. This is neither green nor resilient. Noise disturbs people and animals in ways that we do not fully understand the health risks of. We have wells that are currently contaminated with pfas. This also seems like a no brainer so I won't go on.

Effective government : This is the part where I am going to do my best to tow the line of staff person and citizen. I will be frustrated by going to work and doing my best to create a Madison that is inclusive, innovative, and thriving. To uphold the values of the comp plan and the city that we imagined. To work on my NRT on Madison's Northside to support residents who are dealing with housing shortage. It will be frustrating to do so if the city does not tell the Airforce about the ways that this proposal does not jive with our plans. This seems ineffective. Maybe its just me. Why do the plan if not?

Recently I was listening to an interview. The interviewer asked about this idea we have as Americans that if we question our government then we are some how unpatriotic or don't love out county. But if we love our Country isn't that exactly what we should do? Ta nehisi Coates put it this way " You have to love your country the way you love your friends, the way your spouse loves you, right? The people who love you don't blow smoke up your backside. They don't do that. They tell you hard truths. They love you, but my wife, if something's going wrong, she's going to tell me. Something's going wrong, I'm gonna tell her. That's the nature of the relationship. Don't mean I don't back her; don't mean I don't support her. But when is love between individuals this kind of uncompromising never-questioning? That ain't no love."

I love being a part of this City and this Country. I think we can support the US, and be proud of the military while also be honest about the ways that the relationship may not feel mutually beneficial or good to us. This is not about being for or against the Military or not loving my Country. This expansion does not fit with our Vision of Madison - the one that we all created. To not say so, even if the decision is ultimately not up to the Mayor or City staff would be to blow smoke up the back sides of all the people who believed your campaign promises and believed the plan they were asked to create.

Thanks for taking this into consideration as you move forward in considering this proposal.

Allison Dungan

From: Susan Shepanek <susan.shepanek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Susan Shepanek. My opposition to F35 fighter jets

Dear city alders, city council: As you discuss the issue this evening, please know that I am opposed to this proposed Truax national guard installation, because I don't want its negative quality of life economic and environmental impacts upon housing, rental housing, health, and the wellbeing of wildlife society. All of these impacts do NOT outweigh the speculated benefits.

Thank you.

Susan Shepanek
1459 East Main St.
Madison, WI. 53703
608-515-2993.

Veldran, Lisa

From: bette g <cocolatted@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution opposing beddown of F35s at Truax
Attachments: B8FF0B39-1E80-4E43-B6AC-C56B1B19A0CE.jpeg

Please see our attached letter.

September 17, 2019

To Madison Alders:

We live east of Olbrich Gardens and have experienced the twice daily Monday thru Friday take-offs by the F-16s since they began in 1993. Almost every weekday around 9 am and again around 1 pm, four F-16s sequentially fly over our house generating significant disruptive noise.

We agree with Representative Pocan's statement in his September 17 letter to Acting Air Force Secretary Donovan: "As I hear from more members of the community, it has been brought to my attention that the noise impact is difficult to assess due to the Air Force's use of the Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL) metric." This is the noise averaged over 24-hours including all commercial flights. But the noise from each incident is predicted to sound four times louder to the human ear than the current F-16s. The EIS states the "change in the noise environment associated with the proposed action would be considered significant in the area surrounding the airfield." Noise will increase in frequency as well: the Air Force plans 2,290 additional flights of F-35s compared to the existing operation.

Please note EIS noise contour map only goes south to the Commercial Avenue area yet current noise impacts already extend further south on Madison's east side to at least Buckeye Road.

The significant increased noise, both in terms of intensity and frequency, would impact much of the greater east and north sides of the city with disproportionate impacts to low income and minority populations living closest to the airfield and the flight paths.

Please send a message to the U.S. Air Force by supporting the Resolution stating *the Madison Common Council does not support the selection of Truax Field as a preferred location for the F-35s.*

Sincerely,

Beth and Rick Godfrey

From: Dan Kaplan <dmkkaplan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:34 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: NO F35

Hello,

My name is dan Kaplan and my family lives at 2806 oakridge Ave on the east side. Please, please stop the f35s from coming to truax field. The noise pollution from the jets will make some peoples homes unlivable and will have the worst impact on some of Madison's most in-need communities. It is absolutely unacceptable for the council and the mayor to not do everything they can to stop this.

Thank you,
Dan

Sent from my iPhone

From: Gregory Gelembiuk <gwgelemb@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35 resolution

Dear Alders,

I thought I'd add my voice to those urging you to support the original F-35 resolution, and not the alternate.

I say this for two reasons:

1. I'm an east-side resident and will be impacted by the noise. I realize that if you're a west-side alder, you might not be familiar with the effect of aircraft noise on quality of life, but even now, this is not an inconsiderable problem, and the F-35s will make this far worse.
2. I do not favor basing any nuclear-capable weapon delivery system in Madison. Please follow the lead of the Burlington City Council, which, with respect to F-35s, last month voted unanimously in favor of a resolution that opposed the basing of any nuclear-capable weapon delivery system in Burlington.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Gelembiuk

From: Ken Opin <ken.opin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Kemble's F-35 Resolution

Dear Council Members

Please support the resolution authored by Alders Kemble, Rummel, and Thornton, calling on the Army to take the f-35s somewhere that wants them.

The F-35s will make 1000 homes unlivable and many, many more will be affected by noxious noise that is somehow supposed to be able to be lived with. Basing F-35s in Madison will adversely affect low income and people of color way out of proportion to their position in our community.

The proponents claim that for the overwhelming majority of us, the F-35s will not negatively affect our lives. If the F-35s arrive, and the proponents are wrong, do they have a way to make them go away? We don't think so.

So please support the Resolution!

Ken Opin and Jan Silvers

71 Golf Pkwy

Madison 53704

From: Julianna Shaul <julianna.shaul@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution against siting of F-35s here

Alders of the Common Council, greetings and thank you for your considerations about this matter. I am opposed to having F35 fighter jets be sited in Madison. There are so many reasons why we must protect our citizens, our water, our land, and our air.

Madison is a community that cares for its residents. Fighter jets already have contaminated our well water, and those responsible have done nothing. More toxic pollutants would result from the stepping up of this activity.

Science tells us that the much greater noise that much more activity of much noisier jets would have lasting negative impacts on the physical and mental health of children, the aged, and sensitive citizens of our city who live, work, and go to school in the affected areas. We should not let our neighborhoods of affordable housing be made unsafe for the most sensitive, and undesirable for others to live in.

It is sad to think that those who have the least resources would bear the brunt of the negative effects. Although the Air Force claims property values would fall only 5 %, who would want to buy or rent in that area, once these much-noisier jets come? Even if affected homeowners would be paid for their homes, where would they find affordable houses to buy or rent in Madison? Even if a house is sound-insulated (and we can't count on any agency doing that), what about the other homes fifty feet farther away, which will still be just out of range, but still strongly affected? Also, it seems cruel to say that a sound-insulation home makes it all wonderful. How would any of us like it if we could no longer feel able to open windows -- play or relax out back -- walk to the store -- play on the school yard? These jets need to be sited far from human neighborhoods (or farm animals, who can't get away from the sounds and are giving less milk, having miscarriages, and so on). The jets would seriously undercut the standard of well-being for so many people who would have no say and no recourse.

Sadly, we now know that we might be the recipient of nuclear warheads to be delivered by our Air National Guardspeople as a nuclear fist strike. Do we want our young people to learn to drop nuclear bombs? What we want is not jobs that pollute, endanger, and create stress and illness and threat. We need green jobs, jobs that build community, jobs that train our young people to be conscientious citizens of the world.

Please help our wonderful, resilient, but still vulnerable community wisely turn its back on this offer. Thank you.
Julianna Shaul 3608 Gregory St. Madison, WI 53711

From: Patricia Hammel <attyhammel@herricklaw.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Alder Rummel, Foster, Kemble Heck and Evers resolution against the F-35 siting at Truax Field

Hello, I live at 1424 Jenifer Street on the eastside of Madison, also shop on the northside and visit the parks on the northside of Madison. I am a downtown business (law firm) owner.

I am a 45 year resident of Madison, my children attended East and Shabazz High Schools and my daughter is currently attending MATC/Madison College.

I oppose siting the F-35s in Madison, question the effects it will have on people living nearby, and whether this is the type of development we want in Madison.

There are other ways to promote economic development without destroying the property values and quality of life of Madison residents, and feeding the war economy.

I urge you to support the resolution against locating the F-35s here.

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From: Ashley Lendborg <ashleylendborg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Truax F-35's

I support Truax Field and the proposed F-35 jets!

Truax Field makes Madison, Madison. They are just as much of Madison as is the flamingos, farmers market, capitol, university...I could go on with what makes Madison, Madison.

Ashley Lendborg

From: Carl Sack <northlandiguana@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:49 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Oppose F-35s

Dear Alders and Mayor,

My wife and I lived on Milwaukee Street in Madison, near the Metro East Transfer Point, until 2017, when we moved to Duluth for work. We still own our house there and use it to provide well below-market affordable housing for a responsible tenant.

While we lived on Milwaukee Street, we had chickens which our then-toddler liked to run around and chase in the backyard. We spent a lot of time outside every day. There were several great things about living there, but one of the worst was the overhead noise of the F-16s flying sometimes 4-5 times per day from Truax Field. You had to stop all conversation and hold your hands over your ears if you were outside when they flew over.

Now I'm told Madison is considering hosting the new F-35s, and those are up to FOUR TIMES as loud and will fly MUCH more frequently. If this happens, I'll be really glad we moved, because I would not be able to allow my children to play outside in our wonderful yard or anywhere else in the neighborhood. Allowing these boondoggle planes will render large swaths of the East Side uninhabitable--and our property unsalable.

This directly concerns us because we may eventually want to move back to town to take care of our aging parents. It means we would either have to live in a sonic hellscape or take a huge financial hit to move elsewhere.

Madison has been great to its neighborhoods over the years. But the East Side needs work as it is, and many of the residents are lower income folks. Please do not give a large swath of the city gangrene by accepting these monstrous war machines. Please vote to oppose the F-35s in Madison.

Sincerely,
-Carl M. Lemke Oliver Sack

From: Melina L Lozano <mlllozano@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:50 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: NO F35s

Hi, my name is Melina Lozano and I have been living on the east side of Madison for decades and working at Hawthorne Elementary for seven years.

I want to make the impact of the F-35 clear. With the F-35, everyone in the school building would totally be able to hear the jets through the windows because we don't have air conditioning and must open the windows. We all have to stop and wait if we are giving a lesson and an F-16 goes by. It's too intrusive into the health and lives of the people of the north-east side of Madison to passively allow the F-35 expansion. We can't allow this project to go forward.

For the last 14 years I have lived off of Atwood Ave. where planes fly overhead all day long, and where we also hear the F-16s, which of course drown out any conversation or music you have playing. They send up 5 at a time every day, and these loud planes come and go and do exercises and the spectacle goes on seemingly forever. And when they get close you have to cover your ears it's so loud. And it sounds so military. They look so military. And what are they preparing for?

At Hawthorne Elementary, behind Pedros and about a mile from the airport, and at other schools, like O'Keefe, Emerson, Kennedy, Lowell, according to teachers we know, many of the children have already been traumatized by poverty and immigration issues; we are people of color, and on top of it all we have experienced these F-16s flying overhead every day at recess, which again, is practically deafening already. At my school, some students are autistic or have other learning disabilities triggered by distractions such as noise. And every day we already have to compete with these fighter jets and their missions just to get through a lesson. Imagine how the students feel.

Now, to think, that there might be a much WORSE fighter jet situation, four times LOUDER noise, MORE exhaust from aircraft, MORE chemicals used at the airport, so much so that hundreds of people, including families who live on the school I work at, possibly including my boyfriend of the last four years, who lives on the border of the danger zone, in the high decibel level zone, might have to move or suffer the effects of these jets, just to think about it all makes me sick. And to think that thousands of us who live on the east side, will be negatively impacted like this, and our homes will lose value -- it's so unfair. Why are we being punished?

Our taxes have gone to pay for this project for 25 years and will for 25 years to come. I pay high taxes, yet still I'm just outside the highest decibel zone, so there will be no abatement for my home, nor for thousands of others. And if these F-35s can carry nuclear warheads, it's possible that this could make Madison into a target. We have to contact our representatives and say loud and clear that the Air National Guard needs to stay out of Madison. We have to let them know on the Madison City Council, Dane County Board, State Senate and Assembly, and the US Senate and Legislature that we will not let this expansion of the Dane County Regional Airport ruin the east side of Madison; we will not sit idly by and allow east Madison to be taken advantage of and devalued like this.

Sans Serif

Send

From: Jeff Moll <JMoll@Konopcompanies.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:22 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com; Nate Moll; Ross Moll; Ryan Moll; Susan Moll; Gregg Steinhauer
Subject: Truax Field F-35 Support

Hello Alders,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing at Truax Field – Madison, WI. The 115th Fighter Wing is truly one of the best Air Guard units in our great country. The motto that expresses it best is “Jet Noise---The sound of Freedom”!

Opposition to the F-35’s flying over Wisconsin and specifically in the Madison area reminds me of NIMBY—Not In My Back Yard. If you value the freedom that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces provide—why not support them in your home town. All aircraft generate sound—this should never be a reason to shut down a First Class operation like the 115th Fighter Wing.

The economic impact alone should overwhelmingly gain the support of government officials such as yourselves. High quality people, family supporting jobs, and true patriotic individuals are not available just anywhere. You are fortunate to have the 115th Fighter Wing and that is not to be taken for granted. What type of business or industry would replace a military unit of this caliber?

I was fortunate to serve at Truax Field with some of the Air Forces best and brightest leaders, technicians, and comrades from 1979 to 2002. Many changes occurred in that 23 year timeframe and were handled with the Motto of “Dedicated to Excellence”. A culture of men and women that have been entrusted to protect our great republic, and have pledged their lives to that mission deserve your support. I have three sons that are serving in the Air Guard (2 in Wisconsin, 1 in Michigan that started at Truax) and they are all combat veterans. A Pilot, a Firefighter, and a Crewchief (F-16) that would take a bullet for this country and anyone of you alders. Their comrades would do the same. Try to measure that when complaining of “The Sound of Freedom”!

Sincerely,

MSGT. Moll, Jeffrey A. (Retired)
115th Fighter Wing

From: Stacy Haviland <stacycork@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35

I am opposed to your resolution of the F35. I support the 115 Fighter wing, the safety it brings our community, along with the many jobs and economic stimulus it provides. Without the F35, this fighter wing will dissolve.

Please reconsider for our community,

Stacy Haviland

From: David Arnold <davidarnold715@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:44 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 support

I would like to add a letter requesting that the council Does Not pass the resolution of NON support for allowed Truax to take possession of the F35.

I live in the flight line of the North/South runway. Yes, I hear the jets when they take off and land. However, I understand the greater good the Air Guard F35 provides to the Madison area. This is in terms of both safety as well as all the financial benefits it brings to the area. We all hear the F16s, now please let us hear the newest addition to Truax which may sound a bit different.

I hear much more commercial aircraft than I did 10 years ago. But, I don't hear people petitioning to reduce the number flights in an out of Madison.

The Air Guard competed for this, and we as a community deserve this. I urge Madison not to stand in the way of this honor.

I SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF THE F35 AT TRUAX.

I would encourage you to look at all take a position supporting the acquisition of F35s to Truax.

Thank you for your service.

Dave Arnold
608-698-7559

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: steve silverberg <lcheese@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I object to the sitting of F-35s at Truax for noise reasons.

Regards,
Steve Silverberg
1147 Rutledge street

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Alan Ramsey <alramsey1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F-35

Dear Alders:

Please count me as another Madisonian against the F-35s.

Thank you,
Alan Ramsey

Veldran, Lisa

From: Laura Scott 5814 Michalski <scottdog312@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support For the F-35 basing and full support also for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I positively support
F-35 basing and fully support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission

I feel a strong duty to maintain military readiness in this region of the USA, including protecting the Great Lakes,
water-way, locks and fresh water.

Laura Michalski
Cottage Grove, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tony Zuccaro <737triguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35 at Truax

Please support the placement of the F35 fighter at 115th Fighter Wing . The 70 year tradition should continue and as a Pilot and Wisconsin resident I fully support the placement of not only the aircraft but the fine young women and men who support its operation in our fine state. Thank you. Sincerely, Anthony Zuccaro.

From: Nathan West <nathan.scott.west@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:49 PM
To: Dad
Cc: KATIE BUG; All Alders
Subject: Re: We support the F-35 Mission!

Madison Alders,

The ANG and the people of Wisconsin will only benefit from this opportunity.

Respectfully,

Nathan S. West
CPT, SC

On Tue, Sep 17, 2019, 12:03 kevinwest1874 <kevinwest1874@att.net> wrote:

I agree with Katelyn West. This is such a big opportunity for the community!

I am retired from the Air Force, from Wisconsin and i can attest to what this opportunity brings!!!

1. \$\$\$\$ looking at billions, not millions
2. A group of disciplined citizens who love contributing to the communities
3. Wonderful moral, value and principled centered people!!! Not just their money. Their skills, education, love and commitment!!!

I am 62 years old with over 35 years of military & public service. I love Wisconsin and the Sun Prairie area!

Please allow this to happen for my children and grandchildren and so many more!

You will never regret allowing this to take place! I support the F-35 Mission and the 115th Fighter Wing and the contributions they bring!

Sincerely,

KEVIN S. WEST
SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
601-649-8259

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

----- Original message -----

From: Katelyn West <katelyn.l.west@gmail.com>
Date: 9/16/19 9:31 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: allalders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: We support the F-35 Mission!

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my unwavering support for the F-35s and the incredible revenue they will bring to Madison and the surrounding communities. The opposing resolution not only hurts our local economy, but it goes against the one thing we should all be unified in- supporting our troops and the defense of this nation. Especially following remembrance of September 11, 2001, it should be fresh in our minds what the enemies of America are capable of and the importance in have a strong military and unwavering civilian support of our troops.

We support the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission!!!

Respectfully,

Katelyn West

katelyn.l.west@gmail.com

608-770-1377

From: Charles Klink <wagonlicious@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:14 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support Truax Field, the 115th Fighter Wing, and bring F-35s to Madison

Alders,

As a resident of Madison and its surrounding communities for over 20 years, including having lived in a two apartment minutes from Truax Field over ten of those years, and having bought my forever home under the flight paths of those fighters, I would like to voice my support for bringing F-35s to Madison.

It's a shame that you are even considering turning your backs on Truax Field because of noise. That field predates most folks who live near it, and none can claim that they didn't know it would be loud living there. And frankly, to claim poverty regarding property values on houses that are affordable *because* the Field is there is ridiculous.

Please consider the economic value and the pride the fighter wing and that Field bring to Madisonians and to others in Dane County. And if I may be so selfish, I would very much like to continue to go to the VFW Post on the hill with my young son who loves watching the fighters come and go. It would be a shame to lose that Madison heritage.

Sincerely,

Chuck Klink

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sam Breidenbach <sam@tdscustomconstruction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: F35's at Truax

As a business owner and resident of Madison I support the Council resolution lead by Foster/Kemble opposing the F-35s .

Thank you

Sam Breidenbach
President

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From: Wegleitner, Heidi <Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:52 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Stand Up for Madison Residents and Oppose F-35s

Dear Honorable Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I appreciate the diligence of many council members and city staff in studying the draft EIS. As Rep. Pocan and Mayor Rhodes-Conway have recognized in recent statements on the proposed F-35 Beddown, the draft EIS leaves many unanswered questions. That said, the draft EIS analysis provides more than enough information for you to firmly state your opposition to the proposed action of the F-35 Beddown at Truax Airfield. **I write in support of the substitute resolution language drafted by Alders Foster and Kemble which stands up for the residents most impacted by the F-35 Beddown and explicitly opposes the proposed F-35 Beddown.**

The draft EIS executive summary table states: "Environmental Justice and the Protection of Children: Installation-- **There would be significant disproportionate impacts to low-income and minority populations as well as children.** The increase in noise exposure to the south of the airport would disproportionately impact low income areas and the increase in noise exposure to the east of the airport would disproportionately impact a low-income minority population. In addition, the Proposed Action could disproportionately impact children." The City analysis correctly observes that these disproportionate impacts are understated.

Why is that not enough for you to state your opposition to the F-35 Beddown? It should be more than enough. It has motivated my county board colleagues representing northside residents to introduce a resolution later this week to oppose the F-35s, which I will co-sponsor. At the top of every County Board meeting agenda, we list questions designed to elicit equity considerations in our deliberations. **Who benefits? Who is burdened? Who does not have a voice at the table? How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?** If our Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative work is to mean anything, we must use our power and privilege to vigorously oppose these planned harms to people of color, people with low-incomes, and children, including the children with disabilities at the nearby Richardson School (who will experience even more significant noise events per day).

I spent 9 hours today (like every Tuesday) with people facing eviction and desperately trying to protect their housing. In my 13+ years representing tenants, I have represented residents in CDA public housing and residents in the mobile home park by the airport. I give my all to protect their housing because I know that the loss of their current housing almost certainly means homelessness. Please do **not** assume that many of these northside residents have anything close to fair housing choice. We should be doing everything we can to protect their current housing, improve the conditions in low income housing, and expand tenant choice and opportunity in housing. The F-35 Beddown does the opposite.

In addition to running counter to our RESJI objectives, the F-35 Beddown is also directly adverse to our efforts to combat the climate crisis by reducing vehicle emissions. Did you know the draft EIS states "the annual airfield CO2e emissions would increase by approximately 12,478 tons or 135 percent. This is equivalent to adding an additional 2,438 passenger vehicles onto roads, driving 11,500 miles per year on average." If you do not actively oppose this, you are enabling one of the largest climate polluters in history. Based on its liquid fuel purchases alone, the U.S. Military would be ranked 47th in the world if it were a country.

Given the significant harm from unsafe noise levels to Madison residents, the grotesque national spending on the F-35 boondoggle (\$1.5 Trillion) as reported by John Nichols in today's Cap Times, the unknown and known impact of greenhouse gases and chemical pollutants from the Air National Guard now and with the stealth technology of the F-

35s, and the very marginal economic impact stated in the draft EIS, I urge you to **vote for the substitute proposed that explicitly opposes the F-35 Beddown.**

Let's work together to create equitable and sustainable economic development. Let's work together to create new safe, efficient, and affordable housing units. Let's work on a local Green New Deal to address the climate crisis and economic and racial inequities. Reject the F-35s and stand up for Madison and our collective future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Nick Topitzes <ntopitzes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Why you need to support F35

This brings high tech jobs to Madison. A jet is an extremely sophisticated collection of systems. Electronic and communications skills are vital. It is like saying we don't want Epic for goodness sake. Think of the military police that can complement our police, the fire crews that support the entire airport, the support for the cost of plowing and runway maintenance. Over 1000 jobs. And no afterburner noise.

Don't use this as a form of blackmail for a few people who want abatement money.

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From: Vicki E <vle13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:02 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Support for F-35s

Hi. I am writing to you today to

(1) To Oppose the Resolution that opposes the F-35 basing!!!

(2) To reinforce my support for the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission.

I am in full support of the new jets. I live on the Eastside and love watching and hearing the jets fly!!! It boosts our economy and brings jobs and a sense of security and freedom. Please consider this as my FULL SUPPORT for the F-35 jets coming to Madison!!!

Thank you!

Vicki Cushman
Sent from my iPhone

From: Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Docs show F-35 afterburners use may be higher than publicly predicted

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By [Jasper Craven](#) [Aug 29 2019](#)

<https://vtdigger.org/2019/08/29/docs-show-f-35-afterburners-use-may-be-higher-than-publicly-predicted/?fbclid=IwAR2i09B3WmYNkWIUkGHYJyBdzWGFkWqLZZjBFN0BIDoGV5WqQjNIFITilk>

"In the eyes of many who oppose the F-35, the Vermont Air National Guard's original sin came during the era of the F-16, when pilots began frequently implementing afterburners, which are essentially auxiliary jets that increase thrust — and noise — on takeoff.

There was no environmental impact statement or in-depth public debate about the use of afterburners for the F-16, and some residents felt the military had snookered them.

So when the prospect of the [F-35s coming to the Burlington International Airport](#) was raised, community members quickly raised the question of how often this new fleet would take off with afterburners.

"Documents obtained by VTDigger reveal that the Air Force is internally predicting that, at other bases hosting the F-35, afterburners might be used as much as 10 times more frequently than they originally publicly predicted. The Vermont National Guard, however, says that they still plan to use the boosters in a limited way.

A local activist plans to challenge that claim in court.

Originally, the Vermont Air National Guard and the Pentagon estimated that the F-35s coming to Vermont starting this fall would rarely use afterburners. In their detailed 2013 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the military estimated that the planes would use afterburners for roughly 5% of flight operations. This estimate not only influenced the contours of the resulting noise maps, but also the overall decision of whether Vermont was a good fit for the planes.

Across the country, as other communities have been considered to base the planes, the military has plugged in similar afterburner predictions. Yet according to an internal Pentagon document obtained by VTDigger, real afterburner use on the F-35 may be much higher than publicly predicted.

As the Air Force moves forward with environmental impact reviews at other bases, it appears to be counseling officials to calculate afterburner use for at least 50% of all flight operations. The Air Force has already delayed at least one base review by at least four months "due to some discrepancies and concerns over F-35 flight elevation and afterburner usage."

"It's all just a big Charlie Foxtrot," one official involved in this review wrote to colleague in an email, using military slang for a messy situation. This official added that the chaotic situation "could have been addressed over a year ago when we all questioned the validity of only using 5% [afterburner]." He added that this new need to calculate higher afterburner use for the F-35 will "delay or at least complicate" environmental reviews for the plane going forward."

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From: Jesse Pycha-Holst <jesse@solidarityrealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: No to F35s.

I support the resolution which expressly disapproves of F35s being stationed in Madison.

I am a realtor in Madison. I have clients who live very close to the border zone of what will be considered incompatible with residential use.

I can assure you that the State of Wisconsin would require me as a realtor to disclose that to any future potential buyer, thus damaging home values. This type of loss of property value will not be abated with sound reduction measures.

Who will compensate those people? My clients are retired. Their life savings is wrapped up in their home. Their home is almost exactly on the red line shown in the EIS map.

What if they don't qualify for sound reduction funding because their house is 50 ft in one direction? Will that 50 ft matter to them or future buyers?

Is a few dozen permanent jobs worth ruining the lives of so many people?

From: David Price <dprigs19@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:28 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: badgerair@gmail.com
Subject: Approve F-35 basing by opposing the resolution....

Our family is in support of the 115th Fighter Wing and the F-35 mission. Our community and the future of our kids needs them here!

Dave Price Family