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Name Otto Althoff

Address [redacted]

Tel: — **Email** — None

Comments: In regard to "The F-35: A Citizens Hearing" Thursday, May 30th 2013 — Very well presented information — I do "NOT" Support the purchase of the F-35 due to expense, inherent technology requirements depot maintenance, size, & fuel consumption. An airframe with fulfilling 3 branches of armed forces missions, this is a dud I/we can not afford

Otto

Name John Ames

Add [redacted]

Tel

Comments: hoyer.

It is now 19:33 here in the U.K. Chunky in Burlington and I imagine you'll have a pile of these handy cards. To be honest I got nothing more to contribute, than all the facts that you already have. But common sense in this matter on your & other brains influential people seems to be seriously lacking. I wish you well.

Name Alison Etherton

Addr

Tel:

Comments:

Dear Mr Germanos,

The possibility of an accident of the F35 plane in this densely populated area is frightening.

Together with the very loud noise, the decision to base the plane here would be devastating to the people.

Alison Etherton

Name Anna K. Johnston

Add

Tel

Comments:

Not only do I oppose F-35's based in South Burlington VT I also oppose F-35's being housed anywhere in the US. Their construction & financing are a political boondoggle. Shameful that we'd put our service people at risk with such an inferior design. It can't turn -

Name ANNE BYRNES

Add [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT THE F-35'S AND THE INFLATED RANKING GIVEN TO VERMONT AS A LOCATION THE MORE APPALLED I AM BY THE HYPOCRISY OF THE AIRFORCE AND MY SENATORS. I STRENUOUSLY OBJECT TO THE LOCATION OF THE F-35'S HERE.

I LIVE IN THE "UNLIVABLE" ZONE. THE F-16'S MADE IT "UNLIVABLE." THEY SLIPPED IN BECAUSE PROMISES OF NOISE ABATEMENT WERE MADE TO RESIDENTS. THE OPPOSITE HAPPENED. DO NOT EXPECT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD TO BELIEVE ONE WORD OF YOUR LATEST PROMISE OF NOISE MITIGATION OR AFTERBURNER CURTAILMENT.

Name Mary Louise Smith

Add [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

I am unalterably opposed to the pile of junk called the F35. There is absolutely no good reason except Lockheed profits to add this to our killing machines. The day will come when the people will rise up and demand these monstrosities be pushed into an enormous land fill.

Name Ruth Drake

Addr [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

We don't want The F-35s in Burlington, VT for the following reasons:

1. noise pollution
2. air pollution
3. loss of property value
4. Too close to city neighborhoods with danger to the whole area of accidents.

Ruth Drake

Name JOHN DRAKE

Address [redacted]

Tel: **Email**

Comments:

How can you possibly continue to consider basing F35's in Burlington when over 5000 people live in the FAA "unsuitable zone". These are mainly middle and low income people who should not and can not be forced to cope with this!

Name Lynn Parrish

Address

Tel:

Comments:

Concerns: ① The the F-35's have not yet been crash-tested adequately to fly over a heavily populated area like Burlington & Winooski.
② That the [inevitable] afterburn info has not been shared with our community and has not been factored into the Noise Zone equation.
③ I AM Concerned That our Congressional Delegation has the power, and utter disregard for their constituents lives, to collude with the Military/ie Lockheed Martin, to bring this obviously dangerous and completely inappropriate Project to Burlington

Name David Brown

Address

Tel:

Comments:

We live in a Burlington suburb. We do NOT support your placing F-35's here. For an explanation, please read "Flight of the Discords," by Andrew Cockburn, Harper Magazine's blog of 6/6/13.
It isn't all about the noise!

David Brown

DEAR SIR,
WE ARE OPPOSED TO
BASING F-35's IN
VERMONT! THE
WHOLE F35 PROGRAMME
HAS BEEN A DISASTER!
John & Martha Stoltenberg

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John & Martha Stoltenberg

MR. NICHOLAS GERMANOS
HQ ACC/A7PS
SUITE 332
LANGLEY AFB
23665-2769

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 12:50 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: A sincere note of appreciation.

Dear Mr. Germanos

Thank you so much for your revelation about the inaccuracy and misleading nature of the proponent's petition to "Save the Guard!" which garnered 1100 signatures in support of the F35 basing in Burlington, VT.

This poll was created by the Greater Burlington Industrial Corp, and major ally of Ernie Pomerleau, millionaire real estate developer and cousin to Senator Pat Leahy.

In addition, a strong supporter of the basing, the Farrell family, own a beer/soda/chips distribution company which services thousands of convenience stores in the state. Last year the Farrell Distribution group used its network of delivery vehicles to distribute their petition, and were able to entice folks to sign with their alarmist and false claim of the Guard being at risk of closure.

It is the same claim that Senators Leahy and Sanders, Rep. Welch, Governor Shumlin and Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger has repeatedly used to instill fear and emotional response to this inappropriate and out-of-scale basing proposal.

Did the congressional delegation ever inquire with the USAF about the possibility of the VTANG closing if the F35s were not based here?

I know you must be under extreme pressure to count the names on the petitions individually, but I want to thank you for your standing by the rules - a signature is not a comment, and a signature expressing support for a fallacious claim should not be counted.

Thanks for your continued integrity and honesty in the face of this mess.

Sincerely,
Eileen Andreoli

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: T.K. Rossiter
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:25 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35s in Burlington

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing regarding the consideration of placement of the F-35s in Burlington, Vermont. I oppose their placement here. This area is much too heavily populated, such that the long-term health risks and the potential for large scale casualties in the event of accident are too great. Please log this comment into your collection of public comment as the Air Force moves forward with this decision.

Sincerely,
Tim Rossiter

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Carmine Sargent
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 10:23 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Cc:
Subject: The folly of the F-35s

I am a close neighbor to the Burlington Airport which also houses the VT Air National Guard. I am a woman of modest means who has spent her adult life caring for a daughter with spina bifida, managing to maintain an accessible home for her as well as myself. I have been a single person for years and am still employed at the age of 69, soon to be 70.

My home is my greatest asset and provides a safe haven for me and my daughter. The encroachment of the airport and now the F-35s have brought us to a point of saying, "NO MORE!" My investment in my home is in jeopardy as developers, in bed with politicians, try to continue to bring the wrecking ball to my neighborhood, my community. Over 200 homes have disappeared with no plan in place to abate noise once the empty homes are removed. And these new planes, the latest military waste of money, will bring a level of noise, air pollution and danger to a modest, working class neighborhood. Somehow I don't think it would be such an attractive proposal if the wealthy developers and politicians lived where I do. I believe there would be cries of "no way" and "foul" instead of all the enthusiasm.

Put these planes on military bases where they belong, or even Plattsburgh, NY which would welcome reuse of a closed base. Putting this plane in a place surrounded by residential communities is irresponsible, at best, and criminal, in truth.

Listen to the common person, voters and taxpayers, and give us some semblance of peace. We are waiting for you to do the right thing.

Carmine J. Sargent

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Christian Noll
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 10:09 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: No F-35's Please

Dear Mr Germanos,

Please do not station destructive and loud military aircraft at our civilian airport.

We do not want the F-35 to be based at our civilian airport.

Thank you

Christian Noll

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2013 10:14 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: re. F-35 basing in Vermont

Dear Sir: I, as a Winooski, Vermont resident do not want to surrender my little community to the F-35...how can an area that has been designated as 'not recommended for residential use' be a GOOD thing, FOR RESIDENTS?...none of the Vermont legislators who are backing this enterprise live in the areas affected...they just don't care...I am a lifelong Democrat, but will never vote for any of them again, unless they publicly change their colletive minds....our coalition recently had a meeting in Burlington...they were all invited, none of them showed...it would have been the perfect forum for them to state their case, hear rebuttals...this entire subject has made me ashamed of our country, where money (real estate developers), politics (playing the military paranoia,'Green Mountain Boys' games) seem to rule, over common sense and the welfare of it's citizenry.....GCWiatt

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Sarah Flynn
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 5:42 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Comment on placement in Burlington, VT

Mr. Germanos,

I wish to comment on the F-35and the proposed placement of this new aircraft at the Burlington, VT airport.

One of the principal reasons why I am opposed to this assignment is that this is a new aircraft. Historically, new military airplaines experience a higher rate of failure than those that have been flown and tested and the bugs worked out of them. Burlington's airport is located in a heavily populated area. It would take only one such failure at takeoff or landing to cause significant harm to the residents nearest to the airport and could wipe out even more homes in the area as a result of the crash. If such an accident occurred in Burlington after all the protest against this aircraft the consequences would not stop with the cost to human life and property. The ardent minority, among the business community and political leaders mostly, would find their support evaporate and their re-election put in grave doubt. The reputation of the Vermont Air Guard would be irreparably destroyed by the deceit involved in minimizing the real risks involved.

All of these collateral damages could be easily avoided by rescheduling the arrival of the F-35's to a second round of placements after the aircraft had an established safety record. In the interval, Burlington residents could debate the merits of this proposal without the pressure to 'hurry up and decide' while the proponents of the plane ignore the issues in favor of arguments in favor of the economic benefits which they foresee, but which the Air Force denies, resulting from the reception of these planes in our city.

This most expensive Fighter is so technical and complex that its builder will be the only one to repair it. The F-16's will be still around, and judging from the design flaws of the F-35, likely to remain for the foreseeable future. Thus the chief argument for the F-35 by local proponents is illusory, and the placement of the plane here will simply cause the loss of yet more affordable housing in a city with a less than 1 percent vacancy rate.

We ask for a delay in the placement of the F-35 in Burlington.

Rev. Sarah J. Flynn

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Michael Bradshaw [michael@sevendaysvt.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 8:00 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: No F-35s in Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Nicholas -

I strongly encourage you to NOT base the F-35s at the Burlington International Airport, in Vermont.

I am very concerned about the adverse effects these loud fighter jets will have on such a densely populated area of our state. Besides the lower property values on the many surrounding residential neighborhoods, I am most concerned with the dangerous health effects that such loud volumes will have on some of our most vulnerable, including our elderly and children. There is an elementary school in the area that already feels the effects of frequent airport noise and I wouldn't want to increase the stress any further.

The U.S. Air Force has many other, much better suited military bases for these planes.

Best regards,

:: Michael Bradshaw
:: Account Executive
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Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 7:31 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35

Sent from my iPad
The blatant disregard for human life that is demonstrated by the support of the F-35 war plane program is staggering. To reduce housing access in order to accommodate this unnecessary machine is inexcusable. Please do not allow this horrible waste of money and displacement of families to occur.
Please reconsider,
Susan Kersavage
Rutland, VT

James Marc Leas
Attorney at Law
Registered Patent Lawyer

June 17, 2013

RE: F-35 to vastly increase crash risk

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St. Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Garmanos:

Almost hidden in the numbers given in the Air Force revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the fact that the Air Force anticipates that the F-35 crash risk is much higher than the crash risk of the F-16. Much more so in the early years of F-35 operational basing. While a careful reader can find the numbers with which to do the comparison, a direct comparison of the crash risk of the two planes is omitted from the EIS.

The revised draft EIS also omits comparing with the crash rate of commercial aircraft. A National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report provides the missing data. Information in the NTSB report indicates that the F-16 crash rate is hundreds of times greater than the crash rate of commercial jets and that the F-35 would take Burlington way further in the wrong direction.

But none of these facts are clearly stated in the revised draft EIS. In view of the vital importance of crash risk, the Air Force should spell out the crash risk comparison in a new revised draft EIS so the public and decision-makers have a clear understanding of the far greater crash risk of the F-35.

Under the plan supported by Vermont luminaries, including Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders, Congressman Peter Welch, Governor Peter Shumlin, and Mayor Miro Weinberger--as well as those who stand to personally gain riches from the F-35 basing in Burlington, including Senator Leahy's cousin by marriage, Ernie Pomerleau--Burlington will be one of the very first places in the world where the F-35 will be based for operations.

The Air Force revised draft EIS says that the Air Force anticipates that F-35 crash rate will be like that experienced by the F-22 during its first years of operational basing. During the first two years of F-22 squadron operations, a table in the EIS states that the accident rate was 869.57 major accidents per hundred thousand flight hours (page BR4-49). That crash rate declined to 59.51 during the first four years of squadron operations and to 40.66 during the first five years. The crash rate fell to 7.34 when averaged over the first 12 years ending in 2012. That lifetime crash rate for the F-22 was double the lifetime crash rate for the F-16 which the EIS gives as

3.68.

Noteworthy is the omission of the current F-16 crash rate from the revised draft EIS. The lifetime crash rate of the F-16 is likely substantially higher than its current crash rate as the lifetime crash rate includes its much higher crash rate during its early years of operational basing. The Air Force should include the current F-16 crash rate in the EIS so a more accurate comparison can be made.

Also omitted from the revised draft EIS is a description of the increased risk of crashing if the Vermont Air Guard switches from the F-16 to the F-35. True, a reader can divide the 869.57 anticipated crash rate during the first two years of operational basing by the 3.68 lifetime crash rate of the F-16 to calculate that the F-35 is expected to be 236 times more likely to crash during its first two years than is the F-16. The reader can divide the 59.51 by 3.68 to determine that the F-35 is expected to have 16 times the probability of crashing than the F-16 during its first 4 years of operational basing. Similarly the reader can determine that the F-35 is expected to have 11 times the probability of crashing than the F-16 during its first 5 years of operational basing and twice the probability of crashing than the F-16 during its first 12 years of operational basing.

With a subject as important as crash risk, the Air Force revised draft EIS should lay out clearly how much greater the F-35 crash risk is than the F-16's and how long it is expected to take to decline toward the current F-16 crash rate rather than requiring the reader to figure it all out.

The much higher crash rate expectation for the F-35, if more clearly presented, obviously militates against a site like Burlington--with 1400 homes in the crash zones--accepting the F-35 in the first basing round when anticipate crash risk is at its absolute highest level.

Although the revised draft EIS compares military and commercial aircraft with regard to noise, the revised draft EIS omits comparison with the crash rate of commercial aircraft. This omission also should be corrected.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Federal organization responsible for air safety, issued a report indicating that commercial air carriers experienced far fewer accidents than the F-16: only 0.2 accidents per hundred thousand flight hours in the period from 2004 to 2009 (see FIG. 3 on page 8 of the report "Review of U.S. Civil Aviation Accidents, 2007–2009." And this 0.2 figure, for "overall" accident rate, includes all four categories of accidents, damage, injury, serious, and major. The report shows that only about one tenth of the commercial air carrier accidents are in the "major" category (see Table 3 on the same page). Thus, the major accident crash rate for commercial aircraft is only about 0.02. This means that the class A accident rate for the current F-16 fighter–3.68--is about 180 times higher than the major accident crash rate for commercial aircraft. Bringing in the F-35 will vastly increase the accident risk over that already unusually high crash rate for the F-16. And, during its first years of operational basing the F-35 crash rate is especially high.

As never before has the Air Force ever even considered operationally basing a brand new fighter jet at a commercial airport surrounded by densely populated residential neighborhoods, our

political, business, and military leaders are providing airport neighbors with an entirely new, unexpected, and unacceptable experience of risk as they push for the F-35 to be based in Burlington during the first basing round.

A public hearing is needed now so Senators Leah and Sanders, Congressman Welch, Governor Shumlin, and Mayor Weinberger can explain and respond to questions about why they support first-round basing of the F-35 at Burlington despite thousands of homes in the crash zones and the extraordinarily high crash rate the Air Force anticipates for the F-35 in its early years of operational basing. And the EIS should be revised to clarify Air Force crash expectation.

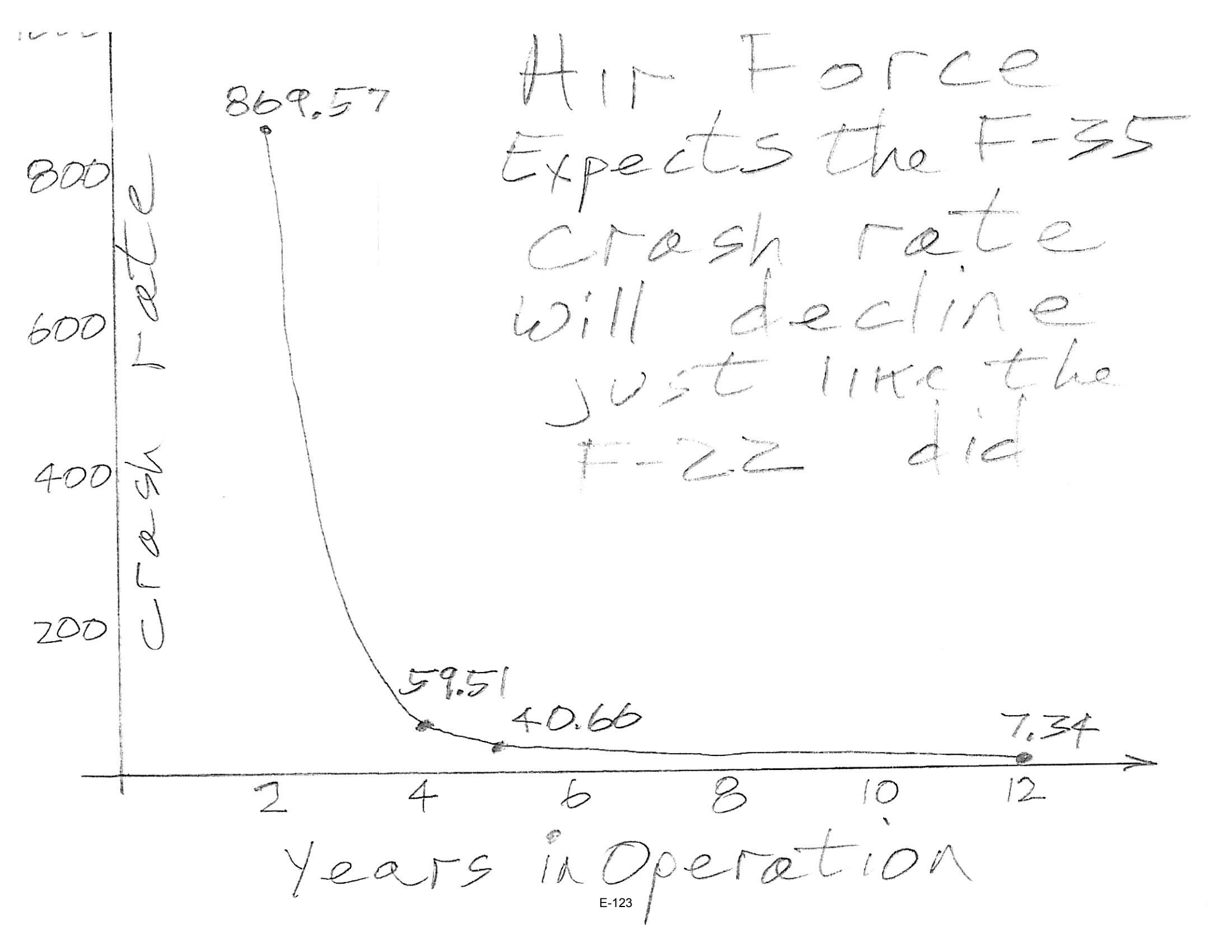
Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,

/James Marc Leas/

James Marc Leas

Attachment: Graph showing decline of the Air Force expected crash rate of the F-35 with time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13 June 2013
Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Germanos,

Since public comment has re-opened on the proposed F-35 basing in Burlington, VT, I'm writing as a concerned resident and schoolteacher to express my dire misgivings about the proposal.

The revised EIS itself is quite explicit about the adverse impacts on residential communities in our city; it also admits that the impact will fall disproportionately on low-income and immigrant communities. In our city, immigrants are mostly from the refugee resettlement program. These are my neighbors and students, and I can assure you that people coming largely from war zones in the Balkans and central Africa will not be too happy about fighters screaming overhead while their kids sleep, nor do people here have the resources to relocate. Over 3000 homes are inside the zone which the FAA defines as unfit for residential use should the F-35 be based here.

That's my personal angle, but this is not just a selfish NIMBY issue. It's increasingly broadly admitted that political favors, not good planning, pushed Burlington to the top of the field of basing candidates in a flawed (or possibly rigged) scoring process. An anonymous Pentagon source alleged that Burlington was selected before the scoring process even began, because "political promises were made." The other basing sites do not have the same kind of residential impacts, and might, the official implied, be more cost-effective in terms of launching missions, if the scoring process were done properly. In short, as the Boston Globe quoted the anonymous Pentagon source, "the numbers were fudged. If the scoring had been done correctly, Burlington would not have been rated higher."(See Brian Bender, "As jets seem bound for VT, questions of political influence arise." Boston Globe, April 14, 2013).

I urge the Air Force to re-do the scoring process in a transparent way, if it wants to convince Burlingtonians that the sacrifices being demanded of us are necessary.

Sincerely,

Robert McKay

Robert McKay

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrew St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

June 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Nicolas Germanos,

As citizens of the city of Winooski, Vermont we feel that the potential basing of the F-35A at the Burlington Air Guard Station is not a good idea. We are deeply concerned about the noise and crash concerns.

The noise level of the F-35A is too loud and unhealthy for a residential area. We are concerned that there will be losses in property value and difficulty re-selling our properties. According to the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), "Areas exposed to DNL above 65 dB are generally not considered suitable for residential use." Numerous federal agencies (HUD, FAA and VA) all recommend written disclosures to prospective buyers or lessees of property within this noise area, and properties in noise areas over 65 dB DNL may not be eligible for federally guaranteed loans, program assistance, subsidy or insurance.

We are also worried about crash concerns and how dangerous this aircraft is. We understand the fuel for the F-35A is highly flammable and explosive in the case of a crash. The most dangerous events are landings and take-offs. This is a highly populated area and we fear a crash would be disastrous to many, many citizens.

Many more people have moved here over that past 10 years. Some of the people of this area have been here for 60 years and more. We are honored to have the Air Force based here. But we don't want the F-35A based at the Burlington Air Guard Station Vermont for the reasons mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Mrs Janice J. "Wilford" Bronsseau
Mr Roland M. Bronsseau

Mr. Nick Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665

June 10, 2010

Dear Mr. Germanos,

According to the revised EIS, our home on White St will become uninhabitable if the F-35 comes to the Burlington Vermont airport. Our home represents a large part of our savings for retirement, and if we are unable to live in it, or if we are unable to sell it when we need to, or even if it is reduced in value by 20%, as some residents near loud airports have experienced, it will be a heavy financial blow for us. Most of the people in this area have modest, blue collar incomes, so they will be in the same boat as us.

We hope that you will choose another airport to station the F-35, with less noise impact and less financial impact on homes.

Sincerely,

Frances Williams

Frances Williams

Mr. Nick Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
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June 10, 2010

Dear Mr. Germanos,

According to the revised EIS, our home on White St will become uninhabitable if the F-35 comes to the Burlington Vermont airport. Our home represents a large part of our savings for retirement, and if we are unable to live in it, or if we are unable to sell it when we need to, or even if it is reduced in value by 20%, as some residents near loud airports have experienced, it will be a heavy financial blow for us. Most of the people in this area have modest, blue collar incomes, so they will be in the same boat as us.

We hope that you will choose another airport to station the F-35, with less noise impact and less financial impact on homes.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams

Mark Williams

June 12, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St. #32
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to say I do not want the F-35 bombers housed in Burlington, Vt. They are too loud for this densely populated area. I heard there are other places where you are considering to house the F-35 where there aren't many people around. Please use one of those.

I am happy to live with the F16s. They are loud but it's okay. The F-35s are much louder.

Thank you,
Ellen Powell

Name I Bryan Hunt

Address

Tel:

Comments:

I say 'NO' to basing the F35 plane in Vermont. We don't want it, don't need it, and can't afford it. That, and it's too loud.

Name Patricia A. Allen

Add

Tel:

Comments:

Noise is not healthy for the human species. End this plane plan now and use the money saved for food and educational purposes. Thank you

Name Ginger Isham

Add [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments: Vote NO To ~~F-35's~~ !

We cannot continue to go to war for jobs in This Country - Spending $##$ for ~~war~~ equipment that could go to human needs! Help our future generations live a better life!!

Name PAULA SCHRAMM

Add [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments: I DO NOT WANT THE F-35 BASED IN BURLINGTON, VT. THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS REPORT SHOW 2,000 MORE HOMES WILL BE IMPACTED THAN THOUGHT BEFORE - THAT MAKES A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 5,000 HOMES WHERE PEOPLE'S HEALTH & PROPERTY VALUES WILL BE AFFECTED. NO OTHER BASES CONSIDERED FOR THE F-35 HAVE URBAN POPULATIONS AFFECTED IN THIS WAY TO SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN BOTH NOISE BEING GREATLY INCREASED & SAFETY ISSUES INCREASED (11 TIMES HIGHER CRASH RATE THAN F-16 PROJECTED DATA SHOWS THAT JOBS ARE NOT AT RISK FOR FULL-TIME MILITARY IF F-35 ARE NOT BASED HERE. WE DONT NEED THE F-35. IT IS A POORLY DESIGNED & VASTLY EXPENSIVE PLANE WE CANNOT AFFORD! PAULA SCHRAMM

Name Richard Bingham

Add [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

Please cancel the production of the F-35 so that it will not be stationed in Burlington, VT or any other city.

We cannot afford the F-35, the F-16 is a better plane and adequate. Other needs in our country are far more urgent.

Name C. R. Simpson

Address [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

I notice that the EIS on the F-35A compares the plane to "legacy jets", not to commercially available alternatives and not to any aircraft flown by rival nations. First, experts (Pierre Sprey) say the F-35 is inferior in most regards to the F-16. Second, why not a "fly off" against competing aircraft? Third, why not some comparison of the F-35 with potentially enemy aircraft?

Name Anita Rapone

Addr [redacted]

Tel: [redacted]

Comments:

I have followed the F-35 discussion closely, and have come to the conclusion it does not belong in Burlington, and if the history of the F-35 so far is any indication it doesn't belong anywhere. It is clearly a pork-barrel project, without competition for performance, and a technilogical failure. The USAF should reject it altogether. And you should respect the community's opposition.

Name Megan J. Humphrey

Ad [redacted]

Te [redacted]

Comments:

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am concerned about having F35s based here in Burlington, for so many reasons. Overall, I feel that the cost makes the plane prohibitive in comparison to the needs of veterans. Thank you.

Name Anne D. Brown

Add

Tel:

6/15/2013

Comments:

NO to bringing F35 WAR PLANES to BURLINGTON, VERMONT We do not need a new and unproven + possibly even obsolete war plane in the suburbs of Burlington. Your impact study was flawed with inaccurate data (even more homes will be affected by noise).

Anne D. Brown

3-4-13

Mr. Nicholas Germanos,

the population center of Burlington, VT is NO place for the F-35 basing.

Shirley Zendell

Sherida began selling tomatoes in 1995, starting her small business with only $10 in working capital. Although her produce sold well, she could never really afford to improve or expand her business; her profits went immediately to fulfilling her family's basic needs. In 1998, Sherida heard from a friend that an organization called FINCA was offering loans to women in the area. Sherida used her first FINCA loan to purchase spare bicycle parts for transporting the tomatoes. She also cultivated her own tomato garden, and was able to afford seeds and insecticides. But perhaps most important, she was able to set aside savings, even after paying school and uniform fees for her children.

You can do it guys!!

Say YES to PEACE

and NO to WAR

think of People beforee $$

please Say No to F-35

gloria daley

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Leslie Fry
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 11:19 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: No to F-35s flying over Winooski and S. Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,
I have lived in Winooski since the 70s and have endured the F-16 noise pollution. For so many reasons other than noise and devaluation of our homes, basing the F-35s here is such a bad idea. I know you've heard all the reasons. Just adding my message to the many you will receive about this issue.
Adamantly against F-35s here,
Leslie Fry

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: lisalax
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:42 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Do not support the F35 coming to BTV

Dear Mr. Germanos,

After hearing and considering arguments and evidence from both sides, I am totally against having the F35 planes come to the Burlington Vermont area. I support the work of the military and especially the Air Force given that my nephew is currently enlisted, but these planes are a boondoggle and absolutely unsafe, and they present serious challenges to the lives of people in my community. The population density in the immediate area surrounding the airport here is very high and as I understand it people living in the affected area would be endangered in multiple ways. I actually live in the outer ring of those affected by air traffic and would not want to experience the noise, but I don't think this is the most serious concern frankly.

I hope you will ask yourself, would I want this plane flying over my neighborhood on a regular basis? Would I feel comfortable putting my son on board one of these planes? I beg you to put aside your own personal interests and please listen to the people most directly affected.

Regards,

Lisa K Lax

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Barbara Wanner
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:04 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Burlington

Burlington, Vermont is NOT an appropriate place for the F-35. I feel very strongly about this issue.

Barbara Wanner

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: laura kaiser
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:24 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35s in Burlington

Dear Mr. Germanos,

As a Burlington resident I want to let you know I strongly oppose bringing the F35s to VT. This residential neighborhood is not at all an appropriate home base for these jets. The F16s are bad enough. I often have to pause conversations in my home with all the windows closed because of an F16 overhead. The noise and environmental pollution of the F35s are not welcome in my backyard!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Laura Kaiser

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Ginger Isham
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 7:36 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Fwd: F - 35's are Expensive!

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Ginger Isham
Date: Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 9:45 AM
Subject: F - 35's are Expensive!
To: letters@burlingtonfreepress.com

I have read the concerns about F -35's being stationed here in Vermont and the noise and health issues. My issue is with the cost of building this plane.

Our country is building a "computerized" plane at an astronomical cost. Lockheed Martin computer site mentions that a plane that costs 130 million to build today can be built in the future for 65 million when in full production. To keep the price down they must sell a lot of planes. They hope to be building 100 planes annually by 2020. The plan is to sell the plane internationally to Norway, Japan, Italy and Israel. Who else?

Why must we build war planes with the anticipation our country will always be at war? It seems we have been at war since WW I. We must be involved in a war in order to create jobs in this country yet we cannot create safe bunkers for our children and schools for protection during natural disasters because it is too costly. Yet we continually send our military to war where they are injured and killed and innocent victims also lose their lives.

Lockheed Martin employs 118,000 people world wide and in 2012 their profit was 47.2 billion dollars.

When we talk about the loud noise created by F -35' s I have a problem with this issue since we subject ourselves to loud noises all the time in our daily lives.

Ginger Isham

Please disregard earlier letters! I finally got my act together!

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Paul Gittelsohn
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 11:50 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: We oppose the F35 basing in South Burlington VT

Dear Air Force,

I am a homeowner in South Burlington Vermont. I am opposed to the proposal to base F35s at the Burlington International Airport.
Too loud for such a populated area.
Too many nearby taxpaying homeowners and renters will be displaced, in fact, just one is too many.
The F35 is a trillion dollar boondoggle, should have been stopped years ago.

Paul Gittelsohn

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: ivantotakeuhigher
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 11:14 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: I object to siting the F35 in Burlington

For these reasons.

1. It will be an ongoing public relations disaster for the air force because of the amount of opposition

2. It will have an effect on too many people and homes

3 You can find a less populous more supportive town to base them in.

4. Why spend money on infrastructure now which will be wasted when the next generation of drones is built. You will be looking for a base for the drones and Burlington will be one of the last places you will want to place them due to the likely strong opposition.

5. Since it is obvious that the drones will likely make the F35 mostly obsolete why not cut your losses now?

Thank you for your consideration. Ivan, Goldstein

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Sue Morris
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 9:57 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 basing

Hello Mr. Nicholas Germanos:

We are writing to oppose basing of the F-35 planes in Burlington, Vermont. We have 3 grandchildren who live directly under the flight path in Winooski. They are smart, creative, delightful young children whose mental capacities may be irreversibly damaged by having the F-35 flying overhead. Their parents moved to Winooski so their children could experience the diverse cultures that live there. The planes that fly overhead are already quite loud. Please don't make it worse!

Regards,
Sue and John Morris

Standing up with courage and focus, they somehow managed to change the world.
—Barack Obama

Sue Morris

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Cara Montague
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 9:24 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35s

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to express my desire that the proposed F-35 fighter planes do get housed at the Burlington International Airport. I am a home owner in Winooski and do not want the peace and growing prosperity of our town to be disturbed by the noise, pollution and potential danger of having these war planes flying over head. I urge you to respect the wishes of my town and send these planes somewhere else.

thank you,

Cara Montague

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 8:12 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 bed-down in Burlington - NO

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I would like to register my view on the proposed bed-down of the F-35 in Burlington, VT. I am strongly opposed for multiple reasons.

1. Health. The very loud F-35s would be harmful to our hearing. The sound of a jet taking off multiple times a day is louder than many sounds that we routinely wear ear protection for. Why base the F-35s in such a populated area with many homes and schools. It's unhealthy for our community. Especially those most vulnerable such as children and elders.

2. Property values. There is no doubt that this would be negative for property values, therefore bad for the economy of working class and middle class Vermonters that own modest homes in the area. Most people would not choose to live with this constant assault on their senses. If 3000 families are affected as predicted, the ripple effect will tax our communities in many ways.

3. Process. The process has been undemocratic, covert, and lead by the Airforce which has a vested interest. I have no confidence in any aspect of this process.

4. Safety. From what I have read, the F-35 is not a tried and true jet, but one with a sketchy track record for safety. Again I ask, why base a plane like this in a densely populated area.

Please do not base the F-35s in our community.
Sincerely,
Amey Radcliffe

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 12:50 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: A sincere note of appreciation.

Dear Mr. Germanos

Thank you so much for your revelation about the inaccuracy and misleading nature of the proponent's petition to "Save the Guard!" which garnered 1100 signatures in support of the F35 basing in Burlington, VT.

This poll was created by the Greater Burlington Industrial Corp, and major ally of Ernie Pomerleau, millionaire real estate developer and cousin to Senator Pat Leahy.

In addition, a strong supporter of the basing, the Farrell family, own a beer/soda/chips distribution company which services thousands of convenience stores in the state. Last year the Farrell Distribution group used its network of delivery vehicles to distribute their petition, and were able to entice folks to sign with their alarmist and false claim of the Guard being at risk of closure.

It is the same claim that Senators Leahy and Sanders, Rep. Welch, Governor Shumlin and Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger has repeatedly used to instill fear and emotional response to this inappropriate and out-of-scale basing proposal.

Did the congressional delegation ever inquire with the USAF about the possibility of the VTANG closing if the F35s were not based here?

I know you must be under extreme pressure to count the names on the petitions individually, but I want to thank you for your standing by the rules - a signature is not a comment, and a signature expressing support for a fallacious claim should not be counted.

Thanks for your continued integrity and honesty in the face of this mess.

Sincerely,
Eileen Andreoli

Lisa Ventriss

June 17, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am a Vermonter, residing in South Burlington, who supports the basing of the F-35 in Vermont. From information that I have gleaned from the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), enumerated below, it is my understanding that Vermont will not see undue environmental burden and is a preferred site for the basing of the F35.

FACTS:

- According to Table BR3.2.9, it is my understanding that the F-35 will create sound similar to, and in many areas QUIETER than, the F-16.
- According to IAW table BR3.1-1, I understand that there will be 2,613 fewer operations per year.
- I recognize that the proposed 65 DNL line in the EIS depicts a change, but in accordance with pages 2-43, I understand that follow-up on noise evaluations will be accomplished and will include operational profiles and noise mitigation procedures.
- According to IAW page C-20, I further understand that "there is no scientific basis for a claim that potential health effect exist for aircraft time-average sound levels below 75db."

In sum, I believe that the F-35 continues a proud 67 year tradition of the Vermont Air National Guard's (VTANG) service to Vermont. Also importantly, I believe the mission change is an economic benefit to the United States, the state of Vermont and the local economy. I support the conclusion that Vermont is a key strategic location for the basing of the F-35 and believe that the EIS does not depict undue impact.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ventriss

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Karen Crampton
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Support for VT F-35

Hello - I wanted to voice my support for basing the F-35 at our Colchester National Guard Base.

Thank You

Karen Crampton

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Judith Yarnall
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 2:45 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Why I don't favor the F-35s in Burlington

Dear Mr. Germanos,

My reasons for not wanting the F-35s here in Burlington are the same as I expressed in writing to the Air Force last year:

--a disproportionate financial loss for working class people, whose modest homes near the airport will very likely take a further tumble in value. Given a choice, would you like your family to be living near a place where F-35s take off and land? Would you buy a house in such a place?

--High levels of noise that interfere with children's concentration at the nearby Chamberlain Elementary School.

--Potential loss of revenue from tourists. Burlington touts itself as kind of an environmental paradise. We don't need this extra noise pollution, and if the noise pollution becomes known outside of Vermont, people may not want to come here.

--I don't want any more of my tax money wasted on trying to improve the F-35's poor design.

--I'm very conscious of the death and property destruction caused by bombs ever since WWII. I don't want to live near fighter-bombers that might contribute to that toll.

To all these reasons, I'd like to add another one:

--Twice now, the Air Force has been caught fudging figures having to do with the environmental impact study of F-35s on Burlington and with citizen reaction to that study. Maybe you could tell me what is going on and why we should trust you in the future. I do want to thank you, however, for publicly correcting the number of responding citizens who oppose F-35s, so that the 20% you originally reported has been changed to 65%.

Sincerely,

Judith Yarnall

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Deborah Miuccio
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 2:21 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: proposed f-35 base in VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,
As a resident of Williston, VT and as someone who works in Burlington, VT, I am asking you to please not choose the Vermont Air National Guard in S. Burlington as a base for the F-35 aircraft.
I am concerned that the increased noise level will put approximately 7,000 people, 5 schools and 6 churches in a zone not considered suitable for residential use.
I am worried about the children at Chamberlain Elementary School in S. Burlington who will be exposed to levels of noise many times louder than what is considered acceptable for school children.
As an employee-owner of the company where I work, I am also concerned that the noise from the F-35 will affect our productivity at work, as I work at a company with a customer contact center.
The other bases being considered for the F-35 seem like more appropriate locations for the F-35.
Thank you for your concern about our community.
Sincerely,

Deborah Miuccio

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: ROBERT HERENDEEN
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Comment on F-35 in Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I live year-round in Burlington. I have kept quiet and listened to all sides of the F-35 debate. I now conclude that the noise impacts impinge on too many people. I see the eastern edge of Burlington becoming an aircraft-noise sacrifice area....unacceptably. Vermont can fulfill its national duties other ways, but the F-35 should not come here.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Herendeen

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Andrew Graham
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 2:51 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Base at Burlington International Airport

As a former resident of Burlington, Vermont with intentions to return, I am opposed to the prospect of an F-35 squadron at Burlington International Airport. The Vermont ANG F-16 squadron currently operating out of the airport provides enough noise and "threat response capability" for the entire region. Residents of Vermont and New York do not see the necessity to have the planes based in our backyard. There is little to no fear that terrorist action requiring superior air power will ever come our way. In fact, most of us lament the added hassle and frustration of crossing the border to Canada, which is our most visceral experience of the "War on Terror".
Why not base the planes at Langley, or even Reagan National? The proposition of an F-35 squadron in Burlington, a metropolitan area of over 100,000 people, is not the same as basing one in Washington DC, but when one stops to consider who will be harmed and who will benefit, the answers don't line up. While I would love to go on and examine the wisdom of the F-35 program in general and its budget in particular, I don't think you'd be very interested. Suffice to say that I love Vermont and I am looking forward to being back there this summer and in the future, but I would be disappointed if I returned to window-rattling, ground-shaking, fuel-guzzling weapons plying the sky over our beautiful lake and mountains.

Sincerely,
Andrew Graham

TO; Mr. Nick Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 337
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769

Subject: Letter of Support for basing of F-35 with Vermont Air National Guard

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to show my continued support on the basing of the F-35 with the Vermont Air National Guard. I realize there are people actively objecting to this basing, however, this decision is too important to the area to allow these objections to go unchallenged and influence the decision. A high percent of those objecting are related more towards what the F-35 represents rather than the data contained in the EIS report.

Having read the EIS report I concluded that the noise level difference between the F-16 and F-35 is not significant. That is not to say I don't appreciate the concerns of home owners who reside in the newly affected areas because I do. What I don't understand is why a few second duration of 65db noise level a few times a week was used as the thresh hole for calling an area uninhabitable. This is of course creating a high level of anxiety for those people.

I have resided close enough to that area for the last 30 years to experience a noise level high enough that if in conversation you must stop until the planes leave. At worst it occurs only a few minutes a few times a week and always during the day time hours.

The only questions that I do have are as follows:

1. At most the 65db sound level occurs a few seconds in duration so why is it considered uninhabitable? This appears rather extreme and unlikely to be true.

2. As the F-35 will operate without AB (mostly) why was that comparison not made?

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to express myself. I can of course only speak for myself but I am sure the majority of Vermonters in this area do support the Vermont Air National Guard unit being chosen to fly the F-35 in support of our country's defense and I look forward to the decision making that a reality sometime in the fall of 2013.

Sincerely

Steve

Stephen Gould

June 4, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
JHQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am very much in favor of basing the F35 at Burlington International Airport. I am very proud of our Air National Guard. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for Vermont.

I have little sympathy for the people opposing this. They chose to live near the airport.

Also, we are a heavily taxed state. It seems every time there is an opportunity for business to be added to the state. there is a fight against it.

I so hope we become the new home for the F-35 fighter/bomber.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Hilberg

June 14, 2013

Nicholas Germanos
129 Andrews St
Langley VA 23665

Dear Mr Germanos:

We here in Vermont are very dismayed that you are even thinking of putting the F35 in Vermont. We are a peaceful state and that is what we want to remain. We are not interested in perpetrating aggressive moves on other countries and we are not interested in the kind of jobs that kind of aggression would provide. Please rethink the location of your war machines to a state that has a different attitude about the killing of innocent victims.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bettis

6-13-13

Dear Mr. Germano:

I'm writing you about the proposed basing of F-35 jets in the Burlington, VT area. My children, grandchildren, sister's family, and nieces live in this densely populated area. I am against this plan for many reasons: F-35 jets are obsolete already, even before they are fully operational. (Drones, horrible as they are, have pushed the world into a new kind of warfare). Extreme noise levels will render thousands of homes unsuitable for residential use.

I'm in the area 2 days a week babysitting my grandchildren. The F-16's that are already based in Burlington fly over several times a day. Their noise is almost intolerable already to me. But it's not just the noise and the danger of a crash that bothers me: It's the waste - 1.5 trillion dollars and it's not even flyable yet. That money - OUR tax dollars - should rather be used in any number of positive ways creating jobs programs to combat climate change, responding to the real needs of our communities. Please don't base the F-35's in Burlington. Please bring common sense and wisdom into our handling of conflicts world-wide. War will not bring Peace - when will we learn?

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bronz, concerned grandmother

June 17, 2013

Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665

Re: F-35A Operational Wing Beddown Revised Draft EIS
Sumter County
SHPO Number: 10-CW0051

Dear Nick Germanos:

Thank you for your letter dated June 07, 2013 regarding the above-mentioned project. We have also received the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the Department of the Air Force pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

In a letter dated April 11, 2013, Rebekah Debrasko of our office sent a letter of "conditional concurrence" after a meeting with, and at the request of, David Z. Davis, Cultural Resources Manager at Shaw AFB. In that letter, our office stated our concurrence with Shaw's determination that the proposed F-35A Beddown will not affect any historic properties. Our statement of "conditional concurrence" was issued dependant on the clarification of the following points: the definition of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), identification of historic properties within the APE, and determination of effect for the proposed undertaking.

Based on the description of the APE and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with our previous assessment that no properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this project

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, human skeletal remains, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or edale@scdah.state.sc.us.

Sincerely,

Emily Dale
Archaeologist/GIS Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: mtier62513
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 1:37 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 basing

To: Nicholas Germanos

I want to strongly voice opposition to the basing of F-35 planes in Burlington. One of the reasons Burlington has consistently been voted one of the best cities in the United States to live in is because of it'squality of life. While I understand the need of the Air Force to have a base for training, it should not be at the expense of a community's health, well-being, and enjoyment of life (never mind property values). For those of us who have lived here a long time, it is obvious that ever-increasing noise, pollution etc are affecting us even here in Vermont. But there are lines that should not be crossed, and for those communities which are struggling to maintain healthy living standards, the F-35 would push the lines into unhealthy, unpalatable conditions. For Winooski, a town that has been trying to find its identity for years and has recently been flourishing as a new center for arts, food, and music, this change will have a hugely deleterious impact. Please hear the voice of the people who will be affected, and not the voice of the business people, most of whom live nowhere near the flight patterns of the airport. Thank you for your consideration, Linda Tierney, resident, Burlington Vermont

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Andrew Graham
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 2:51 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Base at Burlington International Airport

As a former resident of Burlington, Vermont with intentions to return, I am opposed to the prospect of an F-35 squadron at Burlington International Airport. The Vermont ANG F-16 squadron currently operating out of the airport provides enough noise and "threat response capability" for the entire region. Residents of Vermont and New York do not see the necessity to have the planes based in our backyard. There is little to no fear that terrorist action requiring superior air power will ever come our way. In fact, most of us lament the added hassle and frustration of crossing the border to Canada, which is our most visceral experience of the "War on Terror".
Why not base the planes at Langley, or even Reagan National? The proposition of an F-35 squadron in Burlington, a metropolitan area of over 100,000 people, is not the same as basing one in Washington DC, but when one stops to consider who will be harmed and who will benefit, the answers don't line up. While I would love to go on and examine the wisdom of the F-35 program in general and its budget in particular, I don't think you'd be very interested. Suffice to say that I love Vermont and I am looking forward to being back there this summer and in the future, but I would be disappointed if I returned to window-rattling, ground-shaking, fuel-guzzling weapons plying the sky over our beautiful lake and mountains.

Sincerely,
Andrew Graham

6/13/2013

Nick Germanos,
JHQ ACC/A7PS,
129 Andrews St., Suite 332,
Langley Air Force Base,
Virginia 23665-2769

F35 Basing in Burlington Vt

This plane is so controversial on every front that it qualifies as the ultimate example of a white elephant.

The plane's projected cost at present is $135 million each! And this cost is expected to increase. We simply cannot afford it, especially at a time when we are struggling to control our mushrooming national debt.

The plane has all the characteristics of a badly designed bauble to fight the last war and will probably be obsolete by the time it goes into service. Who are we planning to fight with this aircraft... Russia or China? Our main enemies today are terrorists and the F35 is useless against them. It brings to mind France's huge investment in the Maginot Line in the 1930's and we know how successful that was.

The F35A is absurdly noisy. We live a mile and a half from the airport and when an F16 takes off or lands, the noise level is intolerable. In contrast, we are hardly aware of the commercial flights. You want us to put up with higher decibles from the F35? We will have to move if that happens.

The argument that this plane will create employment is an illusion since the F16's would continue to operate and provide employment. The Air Force itself estimates that F35 basing would have no impact on jobs. It is unfortunate that our representatives in Washington are so supportive and more concerned with protecting the interests of the military-industrial complex than that of the public.

Moreover, with minor exceptions, military expenditure diverts resources to destructive and uneconomic purposes and thereby reduces living standards. Vermont needs jobs that create life improving activity, not militarism.

Yours sincerely,

Terence and Virginia Vaughan

cc: Govener Peter Shumlin
Mayor Miro Weinberger
Senators Patrick Leheay & Bernie Sanders
Congressman Peter Welch

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Brendan Kelly
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: opposition to citing of F-35s in VT

Dear Mr. Germanos, As a business owner and medical practitioner in Burlington, VT, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed housing of F-35 jets in Burlington.

As someone whose medical clinic is near the take-off path of the existing jets, it is startling to me that the Air Force would consider introducing jets to Burlington that are several magnitudes louder than the current F-16s. There are time during our work with patients that we literally have to stop talking as our voices can not be heard, even though we are sitting only a few feet away.

The F-35 is bad for Vermont, bad for Burlington, and bad for business. The F-16's already have a very significant impact on life and work in the area, and the additional negative effects are simply unacceptable, in terms of quality of life, human health and the well-being of nearby businesses.

Stop the F-35s from being introduced to Burlington.

Sincerely,

Brendan Kelly

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Dottye R. Ricks
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 5:23 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35

I do not want the f35s stationed in Burlington, Vermont. In fact I think it is a wasteful expenditure of my tax monies in general and will inform my representatives that I do not support funding this expensive and useless adventure that only fills the pockets of politicians and CEOs and harms the environment and the homes and families of primarily the poor and modest income levels. So - please keep your f35s out of Burlington on those grounds. We don't need them at all, but especially not in the rural serenity of Vermont.

Christian Noll

June 17, 2013

Mr Nicholas Germanos
HQ/ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St
Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr Germanos,

Please reconsider basing the F-35 at our Burlington, Vermont Civilian Airport.

The United States Air Force is here to protect its peaceful tax paying citizens and not harm them in anyway.

In recent months the United States Air Force has caused significant damage to the quality of my life and I was even fired from my job as a FedEx Express Courier 05/03/2013 by a braggingly "22 year" veteran of the USAF (Senior FedEx Express manager David Ward) just for sharing a different opinion on the F-35.

You people should be ashamed of yourselves.

Please do a better job at protecting your civilian population. Please take your F-35 somewhere else.

Thank you.

Christian Noll

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrew St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

June 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Nicolas Germanos,

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The noise level of the F-35A is too loud and unhealthy for a residential area. We are concerned that there will be losses in property value and difficulty re-selling our properties. According to the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), "Areas exposed to DNL above 65 dB are generally not considered suitable for residential use." Numerous federal agencies (HUD, FAA and VA) all recommend written disclosures to prospective buyers or lessees of property within this noise area, and properties in noise areas over 65 dB DNL may not be eligible for federally guaranteed loans, program assistance, subsidy or insurance.

We are also worried about crash concerns and how dangerous this aircraft is. We understand the fuel for the F-35A is highly flammable and explosive in the case of a crash. The most dangerous events are landings and take-offs. This is a highly populated area and we fear a crash would be disastrous to many, many citizens.

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Sincerely,

Zachary Marsh

Beth Haggart.

17 June 2013

Mr Nicholas Germanos.

DO NOT BRING F35 warplanes to Burlington!

1. it will affect thousands of homes
2. because it will be so much louder than planes already here.
3. it will bring jobs to Texas, not Vt.
4. the scoring is based on political promises.
5. WE DON'T WANT THEM HERE.

very Sincerely
Beth Haggart.

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

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Sincerely,

Scott J Moore

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Sincerely,

Robyn Myers Moore

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Elisabeth Hebert

June 17th, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street
Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I'm writing regarding the stationing of the F-35 in Burlington ,VT. From all that I have heard about this plane - and heard from very competent side - like retired Air force personnel - the impact this plane has is much too severe to be stationed in a densely populated community as exists around the Burlington airport. Thousands of people would literally lose their homes because it's impossible to live with the noise that plane causes. And this is besides the dangers that come normally with a new plane that has as many faults as have been found at the F-35. The story about jobs for Burlington seems to be false as well since those planes would be serviced by Lockheed in Texas (?), anyway not in VT.
These are reasons that concern the community around Burlington very much. Many of us in the rest of Vermont are also concerned about the astronomical costs of that plane at a time when the infrastructure of the States is in worse shape than ever, not to mention all the other places where money is badly needed.(Schools for example).
And last not least, why do we need such an aggressive fighter plane at all? You know much better than me that this plane has absolutely nothing to do with defense but would be only used in attacks.

Please, take these arguments in consideration!
Thank you very much,

Regards,

Elisabeth Hebert

Elisabeth Hebert

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrew St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

June 9, 2013

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Sincerely, Karl B. Cannon

John Cannon

POMERLEAU
REAL ESTATE

June 17, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am a Vermonter, residing in Burlington, who supports the basing of the F-35 in Vermont. From information that I have gleaned from the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), enumerated below, it is my understanding that Vermont will not see undue environmental burden and is a preferred site for the basing of the F35.

FACTS:

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- According to IAW page C-20, I further understand that "there is no scientific basis for a claim that potential health effect exist for aircraft time-average sound levels below 75db."

In sum, I believe that the F-35 continues a proud 67 year tradition of the Vermont Air National Guard's (VTANG) service to Vermont. Also importantly, I believe the mission change is an economic benefit to the United States, the state of Vermont and the local economy. I support the conclusion that Vermont is a key strategic location for the basing of the F-35 and believe that the EIS does not depict undue impact.

Sincerely,

Ernie Pomerleau, President
Pomerleau Real Estate

Timothy K. Price

HQ / ACC/ A7PS
129 Andrews St
Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

6/17/13

Dear Mr Germanos,

We do not want the F-35.

Please do not station destructive and loud military aircraft at our civilian airport.

We do not want the F-35 in Vermont. We do not want the F-35 in Burlington.

We do not want to spend any more money on the F-35 weapon at all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy K. Price

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Dryden, Larry H Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 6:59 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: FW: Recommendation for F-35A Aircraft Operational Basing at HILL AFB, UTAH.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Merlin Butler
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2013 3:39 PM
To: ACC/A7NS Sustainable Installations
Subject: Recommendation for F-35A Aircraft Operational Basing at HILL AFB, UTAH.

We are Merlin H. and Wilma F. Butler, We are positively in favor of F-35A Aircraft beddown being located at HILL AFB, UTAH. Our home is located 3 miles west of Hill AFB. We have resided here since 1960 and welcome the presence of peace keeping equipment in our area.

It would be a costly mistake for the U.S. Air Force to close presently operating facilities for the F-16 Aircraft and not station the F-35 to replace the F-16. Facilities are already in place to accommodate the change. These include Runways, Parking Strips, Hangars and Common Ground Support Equipment. The required Military Personnel Organization is in place and operational. Hill AFB is the Depot Overhaul Support Center for the F-35. Support parts are warehoused and readily available. The logistic support center is located at Hill AFB.

Military Personnel are already housed and would not require additional building or shuffling to accommodate them.
Practically all needed facilities are in place and operational. Any changes required would be minimal at best.
The civilian employee workforce is established and able to readily convert without great expense.

The Military Test and Training Range is located west of Hill AFB and readily available without excessive travel, which is costly with present fuel prices. Noise has been mentioned in the documents. The fly over of aircraft is noisy, but it is short in duration and not that bothersome. Some of the noise would be eliminated if the aircraft would climb to a higher altitude immediately after liftoff from the runway, then discontinue use of afterburners until west of the civilized living areas, namely until over the Great Salt Lake. We realize this may interrupt actual training procedures but would eliminate much of the offensive jet engine noise that some people object to.

What is added economically to this area with the Air Force Aircraft and Personnel stationed here far outweighs any so called inconvenience or noise that people may complain about.
Thank you U.S. Air Force.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Christopher Hurd
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 10:28 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: No to F-35 basing in Vermont
Attachments: Chris's Signature.jpg; ATT00001.htm; CHurdVTCover.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am from a military family. A United States Air Force family to be specific. My father was a bomber pilot flying missions over Nazi Germany during World War 2. Each mission resulted in a 25% casualty rate - amongst the highest in that war. My brother served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam where he received an honorable discharge for a disease he contracted which ultimately claimed his life far too early on.

I am writing to address the thought of F-35 jets being based at the Burlington International Airport in Burlington Vermont. The notion of the military basing F-35 warplanes in Vermont is so wrong on so many levels it is hard to believe this conversation continues.

In my estimation, it is very dangerous that the USAF hasn't withdrawn its support for basing an untested aircraft of this magnitude in the most densely populated areas of Vermont.

Add to that, the incredible burden and sacrifices this places on 3,400 existing homeowners who will be placed in a noise zone deemed by up to ten federal agencies as "unsuitable for residential use" and you have a major problem. Why would the USAF put civilians into such a predicament? it makes absolutely no sense at all.

Add to that, the absolute silence by our highest elected leaders to hold hearings for the seriously affected homes totaling over 7,000 men, women and children. It is a shameful disgrace. Please de-couple yourselves from these phony politicians.

There is incredible scientific data readily available to the military, business and political leaders in our community here but they refuse to deal in facts. Instead they propagate half truths. This is enormously dangerous for our community and for our country.

We live in a democracy. At least, that is what I thought... I know for sure that is what my father and brother fought for!!!!

So why all the smoke and mirrors? Why all the erroneous data from the original EIS and now the REIS just released on May 31, 2013?

If we can't trust our military leaders, we are in extremely serious shape in our country. Let me say that again. We are in serious danger right here at home due to a lack of integrity by our military. If you go forward with basing F-35's in Vermont, there could be no single better example of a total breakdown between the military and our citizens

Sadly, we've come to see Congress's approval ratings now down at about 11%! We've come to expect this kind of nonsense from pork bellied politicians.

But our country is in serious financial/fiscal instability. We cannot afford this plane. It is a boondoggle! It is a phony jobs program for Lockheed and their shareholders. This plane is so flawed it will place our pilots at greater risk in combat. We are being sold a bill of goods here. Tell the truth sir. Please.

I'm all for a lean and mean DEFENSE! But I am very much AGAINST wasting precious taxpayer monies at a time when our veterans are having such an unbelievable struggle and benefits are being cut.

I urge you, the USAF and our military leaders to wake up, do the right thing and stand up for the people you are sworn to protect. This plane will devastate our community. We need your integrity. Vermonters need to know who you are! And what you stand for. We are Americans.

Separate yourselves from these phony political leaders who refuse to represent thousands upon thousands of seriously impacted Vermonters should the F-35 be based here.

Politicians and business leaders in our community are using the smoke and mirrors of the F-35 to rezone the airport and make millions upon millions of dollars at the expense, health, safety and disruption of residents who already live there so they can use the warplane as their means to and end for what they are calling "urban renewal".

Please stand up and do the right thing for our community. Base this plane elsewhere.

Thank you, sir.

Sincerely,

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Matt Joseph
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 2:31 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Objection to F35s in Vermont

Hello, I live in Chittenden country VT and have family living in Winooski... right under the flight path. I am very concerned about the health implications of the jet noise. I don't believe this is properly addressed in the latest EIS. The most recent scientific data suggests that the level of noise produced by the f35 is damaging to human health.

Please do not base the F35 in Vermont.

Thanks,

Matt Joseph

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 4:11 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35s--Oppose the Basing at Burlington International Airport

Mr. Germanos:

I am writing to express my opposition to the basing of F-35 fighters at the Burlington International Airport. I live in Williston, but my home is not in any projected 65 decibel projection I have seen.

I have never served in the armed forces. I taught defense politics, among other things, at the University of Vermont from 1987 through 1994 and at the University of Wisconsin for two years before that. My course was an elective for ROTC cadets. I have the utmost respect for those young people and had the opportunity to get to know the officers who trained them. I vividly remember going through casualty lists during the wars in Iraq praying that I wouldn't find one of "mine."

I largely ignored the basing controversy until I read information in the Burlington Free Press gathered by Col. Rosanne Greco, (USAF ret.) It was easy, using her information, for me to determine the original study was in error. It is still hard to imagine an above board reason why the Air Force refuses to recalculate the study using accurate data.

At the time I expected that things could be worked out and a certain number of F-35s could be based in Burlington with sound monitoring to ensure public safety. The more I learn the more discouraged I become. There has been no effort to engage the people most directly involved. I learned that F-16 noise was monitored so poorly that the community was not told that a South Burlington elementary school is in the 65 decibel area. I suspect you are aware that the maximum the EPA established for schools is 50 decibels. I am unable to reconcile the reality faced by students and teachers in that school with rhetoric about the Guard as a good neighbor. And I am unable to understand why our elected officials do not require and the Air Force is not eager to supply accurate sound monitoring so that the Air Force and the community can be confident about safety near the airport.

I have come to oppose the basing at the Burlington airport for two reasons, health and safety:
1. I believe it will have an adverse impact on the health of the community. In its revised Environmental Impact Study the Air Force still relies on medical research a decade old. More recent research showing that the effects of loud noise are greater than previously believed is readily available. In spite of attempts by supporters to suggest opponents are reacting to an annoyance, F-35s will result in increased numbers of heart attacks, more cases of high blood pressure, learning impairments in young people, and low birth weight babies.
2. When I first heard the planned deployment date at BTV, I was aware of the original operational date for the fighters and believed that they would have had years of flying time before coming to Burlington. Having examined the debate I now know that the planes, if the plan goes forward, will appear in Burlington soon after they became operational. I have to believe you know better than I that this is not standard practice. The Air Force keeps new fighters on air bases well away from cities because the danger of mechanical failure is especially high in a plane's early years. I hope the Air Force will keep the F-35 out of all airports in its first five years of operation. It belongs at airbases.

Please understand that I am a proud supporter of the Vermont Air National Guard. I do not believe for a moment that our pilots would take off knowing they were harming the people they have sworn to protect. The general officers involved are doing their best to maintain their

integrity by retreating into ambiguity, ("somewhat louder," and "mitigate as much as possible"). The driving force behind this sad and dangerous situation seems to be an unholy alliance between Vermont's statewide elected officials and a group of politically connected land developers.

Mr Germanos, I have considerable sympathy for the ranking officers caught in this situation. I do not believe it is of their making. But the potential for measurable harm to civilians seems inevitable and the possibility of a true disaster seems unacceptably high if F-35s are based in Burlington.

I wish you well.

Sincerely,
Vaughn Altemus

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Chris Shaw
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2013 8:05 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Comment -- Burlington Airport -- Vt. Air Guard

Mr. Germanos,

I am fully in favor of bedding down the F-35s here in Burlington.
I am a recently elected City Councilor for South Burlington, and had run on a "pro-F35" platform.
My election was in March 2013 and I defeated an incumbent councilor of 6 years service who was "anti-F35".
That incumbent voted against the F35 last May 2012 and was just now (in March) removed from office by a vote of 67% (for me) and 33% (for her).
That defeat was not a fluke.
There was another Council seat up for re-election and that incumbent was also "anti-F35" while the challenger was avidly "pro-F35" -- the result was the EXACT same: 67% for the challenger (pro-F35) and 33% for the incumbent (anti-F35).
The sentiment in my campaigning in our City, where I went to many, many homes in a door-to-door campaign was the same -- overwhelmingly FOR the F35.

The noise you are hearing against the F35 is a well-orchestrated campaign by Progressive activists and does not represent our City's position.
We will be meeting as a Council in two weeks, and I fully expect we will be voting in favor of the bedding down of the F35s in Burlington.

Please consider the wishes of the "silent majority" of South Burlingtonians and Vermonters who are in favor of the bedding down of the F35s as a matter of pride, support and economic vitality for our region.

Thanks.

Best
Chris

Chris Shaw
City Council
City of South Burlington

June 25, 2013

Nicholas M. Germanos
P.E. Project Manager, ACC/A7NS

Re: Revised Draft United States Air Force F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement

This letter is to advise you of a significant error in the Revised Draft EIS for the proposed siting of the F-35's at the Burlington, Vermont airport.

Like the original Draft EIS, the Revised Draft EIS contains no reference to, or consideration of the impact of the F-35 basing on the Community College of Vermont, located at 1 Abenaki Way, Winooski. This is a critical omission, given that not only is residential use "incompatible" in the 65+ db DNL, the same Department of Defense and FAA standards cite that school / education use is "incompatible" with noise levels at db 65 DNL and greater.

The new Community College of Vermont (CCV) in Winooski will be significantly affected. The CCV campus, the largest community college in Vermont, was developed in 2010 at a cost of over $17 million . The educational facility serves hundreds of students, and the learning environment could be negatively impacted by the basing. Under Scenario 2, the campus is located in the 70 db DNL contour.

The final EIS should reflect the presence of the Community College of Vermont, and recognize any potential impact on the school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and including this notification in the public record.

Regards

Stephen Allen

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Npenson
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Basing the F35

Dear Sirs,
I live in Winooski, Vt.. in an area that would be deemed unsuitable for residence by your own impact statement if the F35's were to be based in south Burlington, Vt. Don't do it! Please! This is my home, my community, my health, my only investment. There are other places that the Air Force could base this plane (which seems to also be a growing boondoggle) that would have a good bit less impact on people and their communities and well being.
Again please don't base the planes in South Burlington, Vt.
Sincerely,
Nari E. Penson
Sent from my iPad

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Keren Kinner
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 7:43 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35s not in Vermont

Dear Sir,

PLEASE accept this email in opposition of placing F35s in our beautiful, peaceful, and highly populated city. This decision carries a huge weight for my family and my kids, as living in our wonderful neighborhood will be no longer possible if the F35s come here. Please put the planes in a place that does not harm families, neighborhoods, schools, and children. Please put them in a place that doesn't thrive on its natural, peaceful, and environmentally friendly nature- in Vermont you will be harming the very essence of the state, what makes it flourish. This place is so dear. The military has many options, and we as a family that worked hard to own this home (which will be worth nothing if the f35s come here) will not.

Best Wishes and peace to you,

the Kinners.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Ann Goering
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:53 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 basing in Burlington Vermont

Please accept my strong opposition to the basing of the planes in my community. I have attended every presentation to date. These plans by the Air Forces own admission will cause increased noise and ultimately results in a decrease in jobs in the area. The noise will have significant ill effects on children and adults and wipe out the financial investment the many middle class people have made in their home. Jobs will be lost because of the role our AIr NAtional Guard has in repairing F-16s.

In addition, I would like to voice my strong opposition against the entire F-35 program. These planes are eating up dollars that could be spent strengthening education/food sources/ health care which would do more to curb the greater threat to our society- drugs and poverty.

Ann Goering, MD

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Laura Curtiss Palmer
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:58 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Please bring the F-35 to Vermont

My Dad worked for and was so proud of Boeing in Everett WA. We lived very near a large airport and regularly had jets nearby, including trainings and practice of Blue Angels and other military jets over our home. We were honored to be able to see them. Thousands of us in Vermont support our Green Mountain Boys and do not get those who move near an air base but then complain about related sounds.

Most of us here in Vermont support bringing the F-35 jets here. Please don't allow the few to rule. Yesterday was sad and a joke:
http://www.militarytimes.com/article/20130625/NEWS02/306250046/Vt-F-35-opponents-demonstrate-noise

From a Proud Mom of an Airborne Iraqi Freedom Veteran and Wounded Warrior. And former State VA Benefits Admin.

Laura Curtiss Palmer

NO F-35's

in Burlington Vt.

thank you.

Beth Hagel

June 26

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to you to state my opposition to the 735 A. My reasons are multiple - prohibitive cost, decimation of now viable neighborhoods, NOISE and its unhealthy effects on too many people, particularly children and in all ways, too close to Vermont's largest population center and a way of life eroded by the obsolescence of this aircraft.

Vermont is a unique state. Do not ruin it with an aircraft of questionable value, at best.

Sincerely,

Janet Bisson

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665-2729

June 21, 2013

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I would like to register my opposition to basing the F-35s at Burlington AGS in Vermont.

There are many reasons why I think this is a bad idea. Among them is the noise pollution that will affect residents nearby. As I am one of those residents, I know full well how disturbing the noise of the F-16s is. As the F-35s will be louder, I am averse to increasing the level of bone-chilling anxiety I feel when these planes take off.

My chief reason for opposing stationing these aircraft here, however, is the density of population in and around the airport in the greater Burlington area. It is not sensible to locate military aircraft in an area so densely populated both residentially and commercially. Furthermore, the F-35A has not been fully tested, presenting potential safety hazards on top of those already present with any military aircraft.

Both Environmental Impact Statements issued by the Air Force contained erroneous information, much of which is already common knowledge. The necessity for a second report to correct the first one lends little credibility to data used in either report. Shame on the Air Force for using data from the 2000 census in the first report!

Furthermore, according to News Channel 5 on June 13, 2013 following the publication of the second report, "A section of the revised draft environmental impact statement states 80 percent of public comments the Air Force received about the basing decision supported bringing the F-35 to Vermont, and only 20 percent were opposed. Now, an Air Force civilian project manager says that's not accurate. He says 65 percent oppose basing the F-35 in Burlington, while 35 percent support it."

News Channel 5 went on to report that the petition signed by 11,000 people in opposition to basing the F35s in Burlington was counted by the Air Force as one person when coming up with their original percentage figures. South Burlington's weekly "The Other Paper" also reported the above misinformation in its June 20 issue.

With "errors" such as these, it is hard to have confidence in the reports themselves. One has to resort to common sense to understand that basing the F-35s in Burlington would be a terrible

mistake putting lives at risk.

I am copying my legislative delegation so that they too register my concern among the many who oppose the F-35 basing in Vermont.

Sincerely,

Lois Price

Lois Price

cc: Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Bernie Sanders
Representative Peter Welch

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Justine Sears
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 4:19 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Please stop the F35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to register my opposition against the F-35 planes proposed to come to Burlington, Vermont. As a Vermonter, Burlington homeowner, but most of all as a mother, I deeply oppose the F-35's coming to our community. I worry about the effect that they will have on our children's health, and the health of all members of our community, about the effects they will have on our quality of life, on our property values, and of course effects on our wildlife and Lake Champlain. The economic benefits of these planes seem uncertain, the planes themselves sound like they have been a disaster, not performing nearly as well as hoped- we do not need them here! We can build and grow our economy in sustainable and real ways without the F-35. Please listen to the people of Vermont and cancel this project.
Thank you,
Justine Sears

Catawba Indian Nation
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
1536 Tom Steven Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

Office 803-328-2427
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June 26, 2013

Attention: Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665-2769

Re. THPO #	TCNS #	Project Description
2013-7-1		F-35A Operational Wing Beddown Revised Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Germanos,

The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. **However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and / or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project.**

If you have questions please contact Caitlin Totherow at 803-328-2427 ext. 226, or e-mail caitlinh@ccppcrafts.com.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Totherow for

Wenonah G. Haire
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Kim Hier

HQ ACC/A7PS
Attn: Mr. Nick Germanos
129 Andrews St. Suite 337
Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665-2769

June 25, 2013

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to express my opposition to locating the F35s in South Burlington, Vermont.

I have been a resident of Winooski for 25 years. The F16's have gotten louder over the past several years, and quite disruptive. I can't imagine anything being 3 or 4 times louder as being acceptable for a residential community. If our homes are deemed "not suitable for residential use", it will surely bring property values down, and make it difficult for some to find suitable housing elsewhere. It will also create tremendous pressure on the market for affordable homes, as more people of modest means are forced to leave. Then there is a population to consider who would not have the option to leave, even if they wanted to, because they are quite frankly, poor.

In addition to my concerns about the housing situation, there have been studies done on the detrimental effect of high decibel levels on our overall health. It seems we are putting a large number of people at risk for harmful side effects. And then there is the risk of a plane crashing in a residential area.

It would seem there are other places these planes could be based that would not impact such a large number of people. I urge you to not base the planes in South Burlington, VT.

Sincerely,

Kim Hier

June 25, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed basing of F-35s in Burlington, Vermont.

As a Burlington resident, I have grave concerns regarding the noise level that the new planes will generate and the potential displacement of thousands of people from homes that will be unfit for residence. Our home does not fall within the area outlined that will experience approximately 115 decibels of noise, but the noise will be deafening and detrimental to our heath nonetheless. The argument that we will only experience that noise for a few minutes each day is specious. When the F-16s that are currently based in Burlington are flying, it feels like entire afternoons are punctuated by periods when I can't hear the person next to me and my children stop what they're doing to cover their ears and cringe while our windows rattle. That the F-35s will be four times louder is unfathomable. No one should be subjected to that kind of noise, whether or not it's for "a few minutes every day."

In addition to noise concerns, I also am concerned that:
*The environmental impact will disproportionately affect low-income and immigrant communities.
*The F-35 program will actually send some Air National Guard Jobs out of state, as the F-35 is scheduled to be serviced in Texas.
*The F-35 itself is a technically flawed waste of taxpayer dollars and government resources.

We do not need these planes in Burlington and I question the need for them anywhere at this time. According to an Air Force Environmental Impact Statement, "Of all potential F-35 bases, only Burlington basing will have an increased impact on residential land." If the F-35 program is to be pursued, surely there are other bases that can house these planes with less trauma to their neighbors.

We hope that the Air Force will reconsider the suitability of the F-35s for Burlington.

Sincerely,

Sharon Panitch

June 24, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

RE: F-35's in South Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed beddown of F-35s in Burlington, Vermont. I am a resident of the neighboring community of Winooski and will be directly affected by noise from these planes and their daily view. The noise will have a negative impact on property values in my community and drastically reduce my quality of life. Considering the fact that there are several alternative locations to South Burlington under consideration by the Air Force, and that the negative impacts on the quality of life adjacent to the airport have been downplayed and even slightly distorted recently by those in support of the F-35s in South Burlington, I must express my strong opposition to the proposed beddown and encourage you to choose one of the alternative locations. I do not feel that any benefits the F-35 program would bring to our region outweigh the negative impacts it will have.

Sincerely,

Charles Knight

June 23, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 322
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos:

We have lived at 35 Suburban Square, South Burlington, Vt. for nearly thirty years. During that time our children played nearby, attended Chamberlain School and we enjoyed our investment in our property. We believe that those "luxuries" will not be available to future generations.

The Air Force's estimates project noise levels in our neighborhood will increase by four times if F-35s are based here. Our house and our children's former school stand in the area where sound levels will be detrimental to human health. (It is approximately 800 steps from the airport fence to our home and the school.) As it is, when F-16s take off, we must put down the phone, our grandchildren wake up screaming and our conversations with neighbors must cease.

Our neighborhood has changed as the result of noise levels from the F-16s currently based here. Homes where friends and relatives once lived stand vacant or are awaiting the wrecking ball and developers promise the nebulous benefits of commercial growth in areas where people want their children to ride bikes and play hide and go seek. We cannot stand for this.

We oppose the basing of F-35s in our neighborhood. Please add our names to your AGAINST list.

Sincerely,

Gordon R. Lawrence and Paulette J. Lawrence

CC Senator Bernard Sanders
Senator Patrick Leahy
Representative Peter Welsh
South Burlington City Council

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Mariana Lamaison Sears
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:25 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS; Aaron Keech; Justine Sears; Zach Sears GMail
Subject: Stop the F35!

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing to STRONGLY oppose the F-35 project.
I am a Williston property owner, former resident, member of Williston Green Initiatives and community activist, former Burlington Free Press reporter, and one of the hundred of thousands of annual summer visitors to our beautiful Vermont.

PLEASE, I urge you to NOT MAKE VERMONT THE BASE OF A WAR WEAPON.
It will ruin our dear and peaceful space and environment with noise and visual disturbances. The planes will negatively impact wildlife, communities living nearby and put at risk our greatest natural resource (Lake Champlain). You probably know all this in your heart, don't you?

This aircraft will be used in wars that we will likely not support. Why would we want to house it? I - along many other Vermonters - have opposed every war the United States have engaged in recent years: Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. I care instead about the environment and our natural resources. I am a person of peace. I want to live a quiet, peaceful and loving life, and that is I want to pass and teach my kids. How can I teach that to my kids if war planes overfly my home? How would you do that? Do you have kids, Mr. Germanos? Don't you want them to remember you as the person who stop this, as a person who promoted peace and protected the environment?

The world is slowly realizing that what we need to care more about our planet and so much about our national borders. War - like this plane - is becoming obsolete. Please, redirect all the energy and resources from the F-35 mission to something that will actually benefit the state of Vermont, the United States of America and the entire world. Make a difference. People like you have that power. Use it! Oh, how I will use it!!!

With love and respect,

Mariana Lamaison Sears

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Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Paul Gutwin
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:19 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Keep the F35 out of Vermont!

I am strongly opposed to basing the F35 in Vermont. I oppose the F35 because it impacts me personally in a negative way - I live under the landing path used by the existing F16 aircraft, and I work from home, often on the phone. I very routinely have to ask my clients to hold while I mute my phone because of the excessive noise. This happens at least twice a day when the F16 are having home base operations. This seriously impacts my professional life.

We would like to move because of the noise, but the real-estate agents we have talk with have said the existing plane noise has negatively impacted the value of the houses, and based on the preliminary estimates we have received, we are "locked in" to our house because of the mortgage.

Beyond the personal impact, I am morally opposed to the horrific waste of money, and impact to our community the F35 represents. The F35 is a flawed, useless war machine, grossly unsuited to the challenges of the 21st century. However, the greater morel outrage is that the noise of these things most significantly impacts the immigrant poor in our community. I myself can cope - there are hundred of families with small children who have to listen the the raging whine of these aircraft every day.

The F35 (as well as the F16) are not welcome in this neighborhood. Please stay away.

Paul Gutwin

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 2:35 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Public Comment period for F-35

Dear Nicholas Germanos,

My thoughts about the F-35 being stationed in Burlington/S. Burlington, Vermont really don't have any bearing on the decision of whether that will happen or not. It is a done deal which included many and which resulted from a series of mutual economic benefits. It is disappointing to find that a few can make so much happen with a blind eye, deaf ear, and closed mind to the facts and/or to the families that will bear the losses caused by this deal. One representative of the people of Burlington suggested that the people who don't want the F-35s should "just move." I found myself wondering who those people are since no clear representation of the fact that these peoples homes have been recognized in the reports stating who will be in the zone which will have dangerous levels of noise.

Anything that I can, say will probably sound redundant to those in charge who have already made the decision. I haven't heard what this noise(that is not dangerous to people's hearing) will do to animals, i.e. pets and livestock. The answer does not take much imagination or scientific background.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is in favor of this decision to house F-35s in our area, attend a demonstration that involves only an open mind. Please visit the City of Winooski's Farmers Market and sit with the people. Have a conversation and count how many times that the conversation is already drowned out by the heavy air traffic. You probably won't find that many people who do not cherish the beauty of Vermont, respect and care for the members and Veterans of the service (i.e. A special facility that just opened to house up to 28 veterans and each apartment has enough space for that veteran and one other supportive person.) You probably won't even have to turn your head to find someone who has recently come to Winooski seeking the freedom and opportunities to live a life that was not possible in their home country. Please come and let us know what you see, hear, and feel. At least than, we can all know that we are not as invisible as it seems, nor are we some nasty Anti Americans who want to destroy the defense of the United States. In my opinion, many of these people have not been heard or seen. Please come and visit. At least then, we would know that you have seen the people who do not show up in the statistics that have been recorded. Even though the outcome will not be changed, at least you could understand another American point of view which states that everyone, "We the People" have a right to continue to play a part in the decision making process.

Sincerely,
Susan MacCormick

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Fran Henning
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 2:14 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Cc:
Subject: F-35's

Dear Sir
Can we Please stop the madness, and freaking noise and move these monstrous killing machines out of our residential neighborhoods?!!?
I am a 67 year old Grandmother who's granddaughter attends one of three schools in the flight path of these monster f-16's flying around now... So I cringe at the thought of bigger and louder jets to come...and to depreciate my lovely home even further!
Get them OUT of our neighborhoods! Build runways,bases,and landing strips out and away from our homes and schools PLEASE..... It is the RIGHT thing to do.
Regards,
Frances Henning

Sent from my iPad

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: alansuki
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS; Senator_Leahy@leahy.senate.gov; Senator@sanders.senate.gov; mayor@burlingtonvt.gov
Subject: F-35 Basing in Vermont

Sir:

I respectfully request your attention to the matter of the F-35 basing in the Burlington, Vermont area. While it is an honor for this state to be considered , the basing would be inappropriate and potentially dangerous for this most heavily populated area of Vermont. Furthermore, neither the Air Force nor the Vermont officials involved have adequately answered questions from area citizens re: the true environmental impact(s) of the F 35 basing here. Environmental quality includes our air, water, and even soundscape---very fragile aspects which rarely get factored in vis a vis certain economic benefits.

We hear nothing about such things from our local and national governmental officials and are saddened by that. Please listen to the voices challenging the basing of F 35s in our community.

Sincerely, Cynthia Rubin

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Paul
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 3:53 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Burlington Vermont F-35

Mr. Germanos I oppose the F-35. I live in Williston about 2 miles from the airport. The noise from the F-16 is bad enough. The F-35 is louder . A lot of air and noise pollution. The people that want the F-35 based in Vermont don't live in the area. They claim that the noise will last 4 minutes per day. The noise last for about 4 minutes per hour. Please don't let the F-35 in Vermont.

Paul Prim

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Basing in Vermont

To: Nicholas M. Germanos, P.E.
Project Manager, ACC/A7NS
(757) 764-9334
DSN 574-9334
FAX 4-1975

From: Timothy Allen

Dear sir,

I am writing today to file a comment regarding the basing of the F-35 at Burlington International Airport in South Burlington, VT. As a long standing supporter of our military I did not come by a decision against the F-35 basing at Burlington International Airport easily. However, after reading through the Draft EIS and other reports about the airport and F-35, I must make this determination.

Based upon the facts and figures directly from the Draft EIS it appears the basing of the F-35 would have a huge negative impact on the economic viability of the Greater Burlington area - based on sound standards set forth originally in the Noise Control Act of 1972 and continued in the Quiet Communities Act of 1978. This area, perhaps no area, could withstand the anticipated ~700 Million dollars in lost real estate value, marking 75% of an entire metropolitan area 'incompatible for residential use' and the resulting loss of affordable housing in an area where there is a serious lack of affordable housing. In addition to the economic impact; Schools, places of worship and businesses would be directly impacted by a level of noise that the Noise Reduction Act of 1972, the Quiet Communities Act of 1978, World Health Organization and many other studies have shown has a negative health impact on those exposed. The risk of heart attacks in adults, attention span issues and learning disabilities in children are unacceptable risks when there are locales that can host this plane without those risks. In this, the most densely populated area of the State of Vermont, the known impacts are sure to have a devastating affect on the many Senior citizens, new Americans, children and families in this densely populated area.

I respectfully ask that Burlington International Airport be removed from the list of preferred sites for the basing of the F-35.

Thank you for your time,
Timothy Allen

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Agan, Marie L
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 7:52 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 in Vermont- Support

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am an F-16 crew chief for the Vermont Air National Guard, I am also a biologist, mother and local business owner. I completely support the F-35 fighter jet coming to Vermont. The opposition would argue that the impact on the environment is too great or that the jets are too expensive, I have even heard that we should not get these jets because we are all a bunch of baby killers and murderers. Certain arguments do not come without merit, however most could not be further from the truth.

My letter to the editor of the Burlington Free Press:

"The F-35 is the "new car" of the fighter plane world. As an F-16 crew chief, I have spent the last 9 years working directly on the airframe of the F-16 and I will tell you they are getting old. I am an educated Biologist and live proudly in Vermont, I understand the Environmental impact. The fact that the F-35's are being protested to the highest degree, to me is irresponsible and not logical for the state or the country.

As a crew chief, I am responsible for daily maintenance and upkeep of the F-16. In Vermont, we have traditionally had some of the oldest jets in the fleet. This is mostly due to the excellent way in which we do business. Our maintenance professionals are supported 100%, and we are highly skilled operators who work under the umbrella of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. My colleagues and I work very hard to ensure the safety of our pilots every flight, very time, no matter what. We do this so that we can be ready when our nation or our state calls. We have saved countless lives and have a specific mission when deployed. Due to the nature of our mission and the unique job we have of saving lives, we train. We train sometimes 12 hours a day in temperatures ranging from the negative numbers to well over 100 on the flight line. We choose to do this to keep our country safe, when the need arises. The problem with our current jets are that they are already old and need to be replaced in the very near future.

As a Biologist, proudly trained by the best at Saint Michael's College, I have been through the environmental impact study and understand it is different and not always black and white or easy to understand. However, the impact is going to be low and not so much different from what we have now. Before the F-16's we had F-4's, which were loud and left a huge carbon footprint. Now we have something better,the F-16, but they are getting old. When your Subaru has 300K miles and it continues to break down, do you finally get a new one, or brave the roads in the VT winter and put your life on the line? As an F-16 crew chief, I am not willing to make those kind of sacrifices, particularly when someone's life in involved. To keep my pilots safe every time, every flight, no matter what, I need new Equipment. In five years, this will be a crucial need, not a want. It's not political to me.

The fact is this, the new F-35's are slated to go somewhere. If you are against the war, Obama, Republicans, Democrats, veterans or whatever, there are avenues in which you can protest. Ben Cohen, founder of Ben and Jerry's, has spoken out publicly against the F-35. I find his remarks to be some that lack an education on the real issue and I hope he is ready to offer me top dollar for my house when my household loses it's two main sources of income because we no longer have jobs. Yes we will lose our jobs, we can not fly heavy aircraft here, we have no room nor the proper runway. Needless to say it saddens me that I no longer can stomach chunky monkey or Cherry Garcia. Maybe I should start protesting the fact that

they make ice cream names which insinuate smoking marijuana is a factor such as "Half Baked"! Ridiculous right, but not as ridiculous as protesting a war by attacking something to which he knows nothing about. The good word everyone should know is this. Vermont Air National Guard is one of the best in the country. We are Vermonter's and all have that true Vermont spirit which makes us work to be the best. This is displayed everyday by each one of us. If you want the investment that that this country made in purchasing the fighter Jet to be worth it, and you want them to last as long as we have made our F-16's last, choose Vermont. We have the best maintainers and Air Guard base in the country. Please stop this madness and let us keep our jobs, and protect your freedom. My family's future and my fellow airman's depend on it."

Mr. Germanos, I work directly on fighter airframes while they are running. Are they loud...absolutely, but I grew up on an Air Force base and My hearing is perfect. I have never had any effects from living so close to the flight line in Plattsburgh NY. The noise level is only the vehicle in which out opponents are using to oppose the F-35, when in all honesty it is just mostly political. In sitting in on many town meeting sessions...the environmental impact is only brought up as a last resort. Even neonatologist...who are probably working with the most fragile of humans support this aircraft coming to Vermont because the environmental impact is nil and the benefit is huge. please bring the F-35's to Vermont and don't let the few, the loud opposition sway your attention from all of the excellent work The Vermont Air National Guard has done.

I would be willing to speak to you in person and to answer any questions you may have.

Warm Regards,

Marie Agan

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Peter Talbot
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 1:11 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 in Burlington, VT

Hello,

I have many friends, single and couples with families, living in the burlington area, out by the airport. Most of them can't afford to leave and find a different home, away from the intense noise of the F-35's. Please find another home for the jets instead. Somewhere away from residential neighborhoods with easily damaged young ears.

- Peter Talbot

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Kelly Bellows
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 1:07 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Jets

Mr. Germanos,

Is this your home…where the jets will be flying over? It is mine, and I love it…dearly. I traveled almost 3,000 miles to get here, lived in an abused women's shelter for months, and finally got a home. I'm a 34 year old disabled woman. Do you consider all of the people living here when deciding that these Jets were a "good idea"? Consider ALL of the people, Mr. Germanos. Where we live is beautiful and peaceful and many of us are here for that reason, it's what keeps the town alive. It's what keeps us alive. I traveled my distance because I needed life saving care, and I found that here. Consider us all, the disabled included. One of my conditions insists that I be kept from any stress, loud noises, shock, etc and your loud jets undo all that I gave up and worked hard to achieve. Too much stress/loud noises causes a malfunction of my sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system…this means everything that is automatically controlled by my body: breathing, heart rate, temperature regulation, digestion, everything VITAL to living, malfunctions. Consider us all. I'm not alone here in asking you to please stop this.

Thank you for your time,
Kelly Bellows.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Heather Sefcik
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:51 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35s

Good morning,
I am a new resident in Winooski, VT. My husband and I chose this location after a lot of apartment hunting. We enjoyed the newly renovated river area with it's little shops and community. It is a very nice place to live. Or was, until your jets started flying over our heads all day long. Now we live in a zone that the FAA deems unfit for residential use and a high-risk crash zone. The last two days in particular have been ridiculous. We timed the jets at being 2-5 minutes apart from each other. How is anyone supposed to live with that day in and day out? They were actually waking us up last night not only at 2am but again after 3am. That is unacceptable. People need to have their windows open in this summer heat and humidity. The F-35 is 400% louder than the F-16. If we do not want to roast alive in our home then we need to plug our ears, stop our conversations, and pause any activity that involves sound until your jets have passed because we can not hear anything else. Then we have to do it again 5 minutes later. The noise is unbearable and it grates on a person when you have to hear it again, and again, and again, and again. It is stressful and has us all on edge. Please think about what you are doing to the people and the families that live in the 3000 homes of this new danger zone, and stop it from happening.
Thank you,
Heather Sefcik

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: shiloh sefcik
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:31 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: STOP THE F-35

Shiloh Sefcik

Nicholas Germanos
Two months ago my wife and I moved into the Keen's Crossing apartment complex in Winooski, VT right off of the newly renovated roundabout. They put a lot of time, money, and effort into making this area nicer and more livable. The recent renovations in the area were the deciding factor in where we chose to live. I now see that according to the FAA the area I live in is unfit for residential use. Not to mention that I am now far more likely to come home and find that an aircraft has crashed into my apartment. This would most likely result in the death of my dog, Ein and my cat, Kyo. That is however, if my wife isn't driven mad by the horrible sound created by your F-35 first. Because of course, in that situation, we would all meet the same fate. Please do not station the demonic noise making machines in my back yard. Please do not kill my dog and cat. Please do not drive my wife to kill with the immense sound generated by your metal monster known as the F-35.

Shiloh Sefcik

"WHAT?! I CANT HEAR YOU. YOU'VE HAD IT AND YOU CANT TAKE ANY MORE?! HONEY, NO! NOT THE CAT! PUT DOWN THE KNIFE!! BABY, NOOO-"

/DEATH

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Roger Bourassa
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:30 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Opposing the basing the F-35 in Burlington, VT

I am a former Weapon System Officer on fighter aircraft (F-89 & F-101) and a retired Lt. Col. I live-in the Burlington, VT area and I oppose the basing of the F-35 at the BIA. The airport is in the middle of a residential area bordering four cities that have some neighborhoods exposed to the 65 dbs or higher that the FAA and the AF says is"not compatible for residential use".

Sincerely,
Roger Bourassa
Retired, USAF Lt. Col.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Nelson Caldwell
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Why I oppose the F-35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I admit my reasons are personal. My mother-in-law lives in the neighborhood, and has for over 30 years. She is the caretaker of my 16-month-old daughter. My wife and I are very lucky to have her fill this role for her granddaughter, since she is truly gifted with children and works wonders with drawing out their hidden skills, potentials, and spirit.

Part of a healthy environment for children (let alone adults) is one in which you can rest when necessary, to recharge your batteries for more learning, growing, developing. With the current F16 flights above her home, it is a regular occurrence that my daughter's naps are interrupted. She wakes up frightened, and cannot get back to sleep.

This is a quality-of-life issue, a childhood-education issue, an issue of what we feel is important in civilization.

I understand the role of the armed forces in our civilization. I am not one who is "anti-" just for the sake of being anti, and I think before I write something like this.

Is South Burlington really a logical place to base the F35? Is it worth killing a neighborhood, adversely affecting children's quality of life and learning environment, and polarizing an entire community?

And is it really so surprising that hardly any (none?) of the business leaders or politicians who support the F35 live anywhere near areas affected by the air base noise? I am disheartened by this -- it's pure self-interest, since we can safely assume they might feel different if the deafening noise were happening over Burlington's South End, or Shelburne, for instance.

I urge you to please reconsider whether basing the F35 at BTV airport is really in the best interests of this community. Would the national security of the country be threatened if a more appropriate location were found for basing this fighter jet? I think not.

Thank you for your time,

Nelson Caldwell

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Chris Shaw
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:18 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Comment

Nick,

I work directly under the flight path of the primary takeoff for the F-16s at BIA. This location is in Williston (east of the airport). The planes are probably at less than 1000 feet at the time they come screaming overhead. They are noticeable and can pause a conversation if you have the window open, but the duration is short (no more than 1-2 seconds and it is no more of an annoyance than when a fire truck or ambulance passes by (and they do frequently for the senior citizen's home nearby).

Please accept this comment as a strong vote in favor of bedding down the F-35s at Vermont Air National Guard. We are proud to do our part and are honored by the possibility of being a chosen site for this important mission.

Thanks

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Loretta Dow Marriott
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:06 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Cc: Pam Mackenzie; Chris Shaw; Pat Nowak; R Greco; Helen Riehle
Subject: I oppose the F-35 for BTV

Mr. Germanos,

I am for preserving my vibrant diverse community. I support the Air National Guard. I am a patriotic citizen and an informed voter.

I oppose the F-35 basing at BTV. I live near the airport.

Some of our elected leaders promise abatement "as much as possible".
I ask, what does abatement offer?

1) Safety...abatement for early basing would be choosing an area with very low or no exposed population. Clearly that does not describe BTV

2) Noise...current pilots tell me abatement involves limitations on flying. The planes must fly.

Interestingly, the quietest place in my neighborhood is inside the airport terminal. This does not help our neighborhood.

3) Property values...my property is not only my home, my community but also my retirement investment.

Abatement would involve lowering my city property tax and a subsidy should my property value drop. These measures have not been implemented.

Loretta Marriott

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Bernhard Wunder
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 8:23 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Comment regarding F-35 plans for Burlington International Airport, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I'd like to add my comment regarding the planned stationing of the F-35 jets at Burlington International Airport in Vermont:

I am opposed to it!

Living close by the airport, I suffer already by the noise of the existing jets, although m yhouse is not in the direct flight path when they take off, but it is located in the landing/training loop.
Windows/baseboards and other components in my house start rattling when the planes go by and every ANG training exercise feels like a doomsday in here.
The F-35 - as I understand it - will need more thrust when landing, and hence be more louder.
I have experienced a plane like this and can confirm that this is NOT an improvement over the F-16's.
Quite the contrary. It feels much louder.

It is beyond me, how the most densely populated area in Vermont can be the "preferred location" for this plane. Obviously, there is a lot of opposition in the area and the newly revealed facts in terms of health and environmental impact as well as the wrong support numbers only confirm our concerns.

There got to be more remote places in this country where the impact can be tolerated more easily.
We should not accept the health and environmental impact of the F-35s just for the sake of jobs.

Thanks for listening/reading -

Bernhard Wunder

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Doris Bittruf
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 2:30 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Regarding F-35 for Burlington International Airport

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am deeply shocked by the seriousness of false information which has been distributed by the Air Force about the impact of stationing the F-35 fighter jet at Burlington International Airport. Naturally, I am wondering what kind of additional data has not been made public. I therefore support the request for a public hearing.

I live about 10mins from the runway, and I can assure you that he current F-16s are already more than just an annoyance. That the new jet will even be louder will have a tremendously negative effect on the quality of living in our neigborhood. More than about the noise and impact on air quality, I am concerned about having military jets with possibly live ammunition on-board fly so low over such a densely populated place with mostly family homes. I cannot believe that such an area qualifies as "preferred".

If you are not able provide better reasons for stationing the F-35 than that it would create few jobs in Burlington and revenue for corporate America elsewhere I am very much opposed to the stationing of the F-35.

Thanks very much for listening,

Doris Bittruf, Williston, VT
(Concerned Citizen)

Sugarbush

June 21, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769

Dear Mr. Germanos:

I am a Vermont resident, with homes in Shelburne and in Warren, and also the owner and CEO of Sugarbush Resort. I am the former Chair of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and current Vice Chair of the Vermont Business Roundtable.

I totally support the basing of the F-35 in Burlington.

Basing the F-35 in Vermont is a sound strategic decision for our country. After reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement, in my opinion there is no negative environmental impact to our state.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Smith

Winthrop H. Smith, Jr.

June 19, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665-2769

Re: **EIS comments on the basing of F 35 in Burlington Vermont**

Dear Mr. Germanos:

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- According to Table BR3.2.9 the F-35 will create sound similar and in many areas QUIETER than the F-16.
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I believe the F-35 continues a proud 67 year tradition of the Vermont Air National Guard's (VTANG) service to Vermont and the nation and believe the mission change is an economic benefit to the United States, the state of Vermont and the local economy.

I support the conclusion that Vermont is a key strategic location for the basing of the F-35 and believe that the EIS does not depict undue impact. I personally spent 6 years in the Conn. ANG as a Crew Chief and Fire Protection Species guarding planes from F-86, F- 100, F- 102 to B-52 all in my opinion have a sound level more than a F 16 and did not have a undue impact on the homes and businesses in the area. I also have worked on the runways at Burlington Intentional Airport as a contractor both day and night and not found the sound level NOT to be personal objectionable .My other thought is, if I did not like the sound of airplanes I would NOT buy a home near an airport. Based on my personal on site experience I support the basing of the F-35 at Burlington.

Sincerely, TERRY E. SCHAEFER

Fletcher Allen HEALTH CARE

In alliance with
The University of Vermont

June 20, 2013

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Sincerely,

Roger J. Deshaies

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Please note: This is indeed a form letter as I am not creative or literate enough to put together these thoughts in a fashion as well written as the above paragraphs. The content should matter little as I agree with the original writer's thoughts and am very much in favor of having the F-35's based in Vermont. This paragraph will provide you with my more personal thoughts and experiences. In 1984, my husband and I bought our first home on Dumont Avenue in South Burlington and we lived there for 21 years. The sounds of those F-16's all those years was the sound of freedom to me and I was happy to hear them, along with all the other, much more frequent sounds of normal airport traffic. We sold our home to the airport in 2005, but I still enjoy the sounds of freedom from our business based on Commerce Avenue in South Burlington.

Sincerely,

Brenda B. Maglaris

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews Street
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18 JUNE 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos,

We are a young family, expecting our first baby in a few days. We purchased our South Burlington home in March of 2012, without the knowledge of the potential F-35 program moving to our area. Over the last 15 months, we have been researching the affects of the F-35 program. The F-35 program in Vermont will not only displace many families, but use the good citizens of the greater Burlington area as "guinea pigs" to hazardous risks associated with the undeveloped jets. The F-35 Program deserves to be piloted in a remote area. If the F-35's are placed in Vermont, our home will be just outside the "unfit for residential use" zone. Our first family home will be considered in the high risk crash zone. We did not have this information available to us when purchasing our home. The current F-16 jets practice/fly more often than we anticipated, the decibel level produced by the F-16 is almost unbearable. The F-35's being 3X louder than the F-16 will cause disruptions to everyday family life.

With all due respect, placing the F-35's in Vermont is unjust and unmoral. It is not fair to families who will sell their homes below their deserved market value. My family, as well as many others cannot afford this burden, in return be forced "guinea pigs" in regards to the effects such as noise level, crash zone, and any other consequences which could be associated with the F-35 program, such as fumes/air quality.

Placing the planes in Burlington, VT is disrespectful to the surrounding families and communities. Displacing families, forcing them to live by means never intended.

Please do not choose Burlington International Jetport (BTV) to pilot the F-35 program. My family supports the program due to the protection ability it can serve our country. We value, respect and love that our country has an amazing military.

Please, we beg, rethink the placement of the F-35.

Thank you for your time,

18 JUNE '13
Jason & Stacie Maddox

June 19, 2013

Aldrich + Elliott
WATER RESOURCE ENGINEERS

Mr. Nick Germanos
F-35A EIS Project Manager
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Aldrich + Elliott, PC

Bradley F. Aldrich, PE, F.NSPE
President

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrew St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

June 9, 2013

Dear Mr. Nicolas Germanos,

As citizens of the city of Winooski, Vermont we feel that the potential basing of the F-35A at the Burlington Air Guard Station is not a good idea. We are deeply concerned about the noise and crash concerns.

The noise level of the F-35A is too loud and unhealthy for a residential area. We are concerned that there will be losses in property value and difficulty re-selling our properties. According to the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), "Areas exposed to DNL above 65 dB are generally not considered suitable for residential use." Numerous federal agencies (HUD, FAA and VA) all recommend written disclosures to prospective buyers or lessees of property within this noise area, and properties in noise areas over 65 dB DNL may not be eligible for federally guaranteed loans, program assistance, subsidy or insurance.

We are also worried about crash concerns and how dangerous this aircraft is. We understand the fuel for the F-35A is highly flammable and explosive in the case of a crash. The most dangerous events are landings and take-offs. This is a highly populated area and we fear a crash would be disastrous to many, many citizens.

Many more people have moved here over that past 10 years. Some of the people of this area have been here for 60 years and more. We are honored to have the Air Force based here. But we don't want the F-35A based at the Burlington Air Guard Station Vermont for the reasons mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Place

June 2013

Dear Nick;

My wife and I are still opposed to the noisier F-35 coming to Hill A.F.B. The current F-16 flight path to the training ranges has the jets flying too low and making too sharp a turn after they leave the runway. The old flight path that was abandoned 7 years ago is more acceptable to us, because the planes flew over the green belt and at a higher elevation.

Bring back the old flight path, then the F-35 would be OK with us.

Thank You

Gary & Leslie Slate

Stephanie Evans Wernhoff

June 19, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos

F-35A EIS Project Manager
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129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
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Sincerely,

Stephanie Evans Wernhoff

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June 19, 2013

Bruce R. McDonald

Mr. Nick Germanos, HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St., Suite 337
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

Mr. Germanos,

I work at Burlington International Airport and am writing today to express my strong support for the Vermont Air National Guard's selection as a "preferred alternative" location for the F-35 Lightning II. As someone who lived in Washington, DC during the 9/11 attacks, I feel a distinct sense of pride and protection every time one of our Green Mountain Boys flies overhead. As a veteran, I am doubly sure that the F-35 is both a guarantor of our freedom and a cutting edge answer to terrorism, a protector of the North East and a deterrent to those who would seek to steal our freedom.

The fact is we live and work in an airport and jet noise is simply a part of the environment we all accepted by moving here. The F-35 is no louder than the current commercial aircraft, F-16's and certainly the previous F-4. You will hear a lot of false rhetoric being generated by the far left spin machine that the "average Vermonter does not support the F-35". Its all BUNK! The vast majority of Vermonters who take a moment to study the actual environmental and economic impact are 100% behind the F-35. Please don't let our voices be drowned out by their agenda.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to submit this statement.

Respectfully,

Bruce R. McDonald

Dear Sir,

JUN 20, 2013

My name is Richard Murray Jr and I am a retired Colonel (O-6) living in South Burlington, Vermont since 2002. I have watched with interest as the Air Force tries to transition the F-35 to the Vermont ANG and am in favor of this happening. In 1990-92, I was in XPFA (overall fighter roadmap person as a Major) and worked hand in hand with fighter basing next door. I have been frustrated with how this entire issue was presented to the local population as a segment of the population can be very liberal in nature and protective of perceived "government conspiracy theories".

Adding to the opposition, there is a retired Air Force Intelligence Colonel or LtCol named Rosanne Greco who is on our city council. She seems to be misinformed as to the economic and patriotic impact of keeping the BTV ANG here, but instead focuses on the 8 minutes of daily increase in noise for the F-35. The inability of the USAF to counter her accusations, either, with an F-35 demo or by showing data using the FB-111 noise sampling at the old Plattsburgh AFB as a past example, have encourage the liberal segment of this population to rally around her.

I personally called Ms Greco to explain your process warning her that civilian population support is a key point in your decision to move the F-35 here and, without this public support, the result could eventually cause the future closure of the base. My argument was met with deaf ears. In fact, she wrote in the local newspaper that the arrival of the F-35 could also be detrimental to our environment, potentially causing future gas and water shortages (keep in mind that we have a lake next to us with about 1 billion gallons of water in it—simply clueless). I rebutted her argument last year, but the damage was done with our environmentally focused portion of the public. The good news is business leaders and federal politicians do support this action and have publically stated such.

This letter is my attempt to explain that the local populace has misplaced concerns due to a rogue council woman and the Air Force's inability to quell the concerns by showing the advantages and disadvantages of having the ANG here. Recommend you come here and explain in depth, the economic and security advantages of moving the F-35 here and dampen the concerns of environmental groups.

Bottom-line, the core of the business community and state and federal politicians realize these advantages and have shown their support. Do not allow the liberal segment of the population here determine what is best for this community and region of this country.

Richard Murray Jr.,

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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SECRETARY

June 21, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos, Project Manager
Department of the Air Force
HQ ACC/A7NS
129 Andrews Street, Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

RE: Department of the Air Force – Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement
F-35A Operational Basing at Jacksonville Air Guard Station (AGS),
Jacksonville International Airport – Duval County, Florida.
SAI # FL201204126196C

Dear Mr. Germanos:

Florida State Clearinghouse staff has reviewed the revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the following authorities: Presidential Executive Order 12372; Section 403.061(42), *Florida Statutes*; the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended; and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, as amended.

Based on the information contained in the revised Draft EIS and minimal project impacts, the state has determined that the proposed federal activities in Florida are consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The state's continued concurrence will be based on the activities' compliance with FCMP authorities, including federal and state monitoring of the activities to ensure their continued conformance, and the adequate resolution of any issues identified during subsequent reviews.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised document. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lauren P. Milligan at (850) 245-2170.

Yours sincerely,

Sally B. Mann

Sally B. Mann, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

SBM/lm

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Debbie Landauer
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 1:14 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35 in Burlington VT

Dear Sir,
I am writing to let you know that I add my voice and opinion as a voting citizen of VT to those who oppose housing the F35s at the Burlington VT airport. This is just not an appropriate place for these aircraft.
They should be placed at an airport that it not in the middle of residential areas or downtowns. I am sure there are other options for the Air Force.
I sincerely believe that these aircraft will severely impinge on the health, safety and quality of live of thousands of VT residents. I also believe that the process that has occurred so far, with half-truths, scandal and misinformation, has created ill will between the air force and the people of Burlington and South Burlington that cannot be repaired. Because of this, your operation and the planes are not welcome here. You can be sure the opposition will continue loudly.

Debbie Landauer

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 5:35 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: basing of the F-35"s

Hello,

For the record, I want to be known to strongly oppose the bed down of the F35-fighter/bomber in the Burlington/So. Burlington area.

This is a highly populated area. There are no forests, vast farmlands or deserts here. It is an urban setting.
Our quality of life and environment is already visibly deteriorating from the over flights of the F-16s. Noise is causing the demolition of homes, stopping people from selling homes, it's destroying lifestyles and neighborhoods. It is the state's main medical, educational and commercial center.

There have to be more suitable areas.
Thank you. Antje Mann

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 8:10 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS; nremsen@burlingtonfreepress.com; thallenbeck@burlingtonfreepress.com
Subject: F-35 Strike Fighter Jet Public Comment Period Before July 15: My Comment June 28, 2013

F-35 Strike Fighter Jet Public Comment Period Before July 15:
My Comment June 28, 2013

Nicholas Germanos
nicholas.germanos@langley.af.mil

Dear Mr. Nicholas Germanos,

I have been trying to find out where the Public Comment forum is located, but I can't find it on the internet.
I live in southern Vermont.

I certainly hope I have the correct address for you, sir.
I do not know what, if any, military title you have, sir.
Please inform me if you are the correct person to submit a public comment to, and if you have a military title.

I read about you at http://saveourskies.org

I have great respect for the United States Military, sir.
Two of my great-great-etc. grandfathers served in the American Revolution.

My father's father, George Robert Ericson, served in World War I. My father, John Williamson Ericson, was turned away from being allowed to serve in World War II because he had a spot on his chest. My mother's brother served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Dr. Henry Warren Kunce. My first cousin's son, Lucas Kunce, is apparently currently serving as an officer in JAG.

When I had serious health complaints against the U.S. Army for their behaviour of repeatedly detonating M 155's on the Ethan Allen U.S. Army National Guard Firing Range up there on Bolton Mountain, Vermont adjacent to my mother's property on Nashville Road 3.9 miles up the mountain, I did not fill out the Claim form they sent me, I ripped it up. It is true that the house was shaking and the ground was shaking and they repeated detonations of M 155's closer than 15 minutes apart, which I believe violated military rules required in 1999. The closely repeated detonations made blood drip out of my eyes and nose and mouth.
I called the firing range, as they knew me and knew I repeatedly complained, but they did not come to the house as is required apparently by military rules.
I went to bed, they kept firing, I got up again and went to the bathroom to wipe off more blood. My mother wasn't home.

I finally talked my mother into selling her house in 2002.
She was heartbroken and died 10 months later, in 2003.
She died of a heart attack and a stroke, which is very rare and indicates that she too was bothered by the M 155 detonations when she was home. I know some of her senior citizen friends were bothered by them, one died, and some claimed it reminded them of WW II being up there in that neighborhood - West Bolton, Jericho, Underhill, VT.

I now live in southern Vermont and sometimes visit northern Vermont, particularly during political campaign season, as I am a perennial political candidate on the statewide election ballot every two years in Vermont.

I know for a fact that people do not want to suffer having F-35 strike fighter jets designed to kill people with targeted smart nuclear bombs that cannot function correctly during M 1 solar flares and coronal mass ejections which disrupt gps.

I know that the photo of Governor Peter Shumlin showed him wearing extremely expensive military grade earphones when he was "listening" to the sound of an F-35 in an exhibition for him. Vermont school children can not afford expensive
military quality earphones, and it would ruin their childhoods to have to wear them all day.

Sir, you may not be aware that one-third of Vermonters draw their drinking water from Lake Champlain, and if an M 1 class solar flare disrupts the gps on an F-35 strike fighter jet carrying a "smart" targeted nuclear bomb, you could have an accident that could wipe out the drinking water supply for one-third of Vermonters.

Please take your F-35s elsewhere.
Please don't destroy Vermont any more than the U.S. Military already has.

You destroyed the reasonable habitability of the home on Bolton Mtn, previously owned by Great Aunt Annie, my Grandfather's sister, and then owned by my mother, which I thought was the Garden of Eden when I was a child, the most precious place on Earth.

Great Aunt Annie married Philip Rood Wheeler who was born in Buck Hollow, Vermont and they lived in Alexandria, Virginia where she worked for 40 years (I have her 40 year gold pin) for the U.S. Dept.
of Agriculture, and he worked as a civilian for the U.S. Navy designing better missles.

I have always been aware of these things, Great Uncle Phil kept some in his closet. I saw them. In fact, after he passed away at age 103 I contacted the online suggestion form for the Alexandria, Virginia police department and suggested they go through his closets before giving the contractor a demolition permit for taking the old house down and building a new one.

For the past ten years in Vermont I have been a perennial political candidate on the official election ballot.
I ran against Governor Peter Shumlin
for the position of Governor in 2010 and 2012, and he "cheated" because Vermont Public Radio receives federal funds from NPR and I was not invited to participate in any Governor candidate debates on VPR.

You must also be aware that I was on the ballot, simultaneously, for U.S. Senate, running against Bernie Sanders in 2012, and he was invited to VPR debates that I was excluded from.

I believe that because Vermont Public Radio received federal funding that they had no legal right what-so-ever to exclude any candidate from debates, and that the election was therefore not legal.

Please take your F-35s to a state that wants them.
To the best of my information and belief, having talked to many Vermonters, we don't want the U.S. Military to degrade the environment of Vermont with F-35s.

Please post my comment publicly.
Thankyou.

Sincerely,

Cris Ericson

June 29, 2013

Nicholas Germanos, P.E.
Project Manager ACC/A7NS

Dear Mr. Germanos,

Here are my comments on the latest Air force Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) related to the proposed basing of f-35 warplanes at the Burlington Airport in Vermont.

I discuss the results of a neighborhood door-to-door canvass I did in January 2013 asking people's opinions of the F-35 bed-down proposal for the Burlington Airport in South Burlington, Vermont.

In presenting this data I try to keep the canvasing results in the body of the document for ease of reading with additional information in footnotes along with some editorializing. Both are important.

Sincerely,

Ray Gonda

U.S. Army 1966-1968

A survey of South Burlington Airport Neighbors and additional comments

Airport noise at my house

I live a half mile from the military jet take-off strip in South Burlington. When the F-16s planes are taking off, and often when they are flying over, conversation, of necessity, stops because my wife and I cannot hear each other. This testifies to the level of noise reaching my house on Berkley Street (neither of us, otherwise have impaired hearing.) Pictures on the walls tilt such that I frequently need to readjust them

A few years back, the planes noise routinely caused us to move away from our picture window facing the airport for fear of it shattering and our getting cut from falling glass. There has been less of this as a result of a change in the pattern of the planes' take-off.

I have noticed that these days when F-16s take off into their steep climb it happens closer toward the end of the runway rather than close to the middle of it – thus farther away from my house. Obviously, it is safe to assume that the noise problem has simply shifter closer to the end of the runway- regardless which direction the planes take off. So if this is mitigation it is a mitigation that simply substitutes one group of noise-and-vibration impacted residents for another.

By contrast, from my house, commercial jets go unnoticed. Even outside the commercial jets can be heard but are not enough to be annoying. The problem lies solely with the military fighter planes. (*1)

Canvassing

I was aware that several groups were already actively opposing the F-35 basing proposal. But before I decided to work with them, I needed to know if my objections to the multiple daily noise disruptions were shared by my neighbors. I had decided that if I was just one of a small minority of residents who had problems with the noise, I would not become active.

So, to get a feel for how other people view or feel about the proposed basing, beginning in mid-January over a three-week period, I canvassed my entire immediate Chamberlin School neighborhood - some 300 houses in the 65dB noise zone - talking to any and all residents who answered the door - except minors. (*2)

What I found, at first glance, was that a simple majority of residents are opposed to the basing of the F-35 at the Burlington Airport

But that result included the opinions of guard members, guard family members, and friends of guards (all lumped together as "guard residents" in this document).

When these "guard residents" were removed from the count, the result was that A VERY STRONG MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS WERE OPPOSED TO THE BASING OF THE F-35 HERE. (*3)

Since such a large sample of people were interviewed (however short or long the interview) the results have a very high confidence level for predicting that if all the residents who live in the 65dB zone were interviewed the sentiment would be consistent with the "strong majority opposed" result.

Put another way it is probable that a strong majority of" non-guard" residents are opposed to the basing of the F-35 here no matter where they live in the 65dB zone.

The upshot of this survey is that it contradicts the view of pro-F-35 people and many in the business community as well as many people who do not live in this zone,

Many of these groups and individuals continue to put forth the idea that it is just a few "anti-whatevers" who are opposed to the basing of the F-35 here. In fact, the opponents are the proverbial "salt of the earth" and represent good cross-section of the residents in the zone. (*4)

Property values at issue

The overriding issue expressed to me was **property values**. Research in other areas with airports has clearly shown the property values decrease the closer one gets to airports with noise issues. Numerous studies have been done to connect the dots between property values and proximity to a busy airport. There have been several formulae developed to calculate the change in property with changing distance from the main takeoff runway. A quick query on the Internet will result in many of these studies.

So this result of my survey comes as no surprise. Not only does the DEIS state so, but many studies indicate that mitigation measures are not very effective at doing what they are hoped to do with any substantial effectiveness. (*5)

Several homes I visited had damage to interior walls or ceilings that the owners were convinced came from the fighter jets. This belief does not constitute proof. However, combined with incidents of broken windows from previous models of fighter planes, however, it is certainly feasible. And to, I am

convinced it is true since they are much closer to the runway than my house is. I fully expect this window vibration to return with the F-35 and be worse that the F-16.

During the canvassing, I talked to numerous residents who knew people who moved out because of the noise. Others I talked to said they would follow suit when financial conditions allowed. Some I talked to could not afford to. They felt stuck and were very angry about it. At the time of the canvassing, on my block, a house that was purchased about two years ago is for sale. The owners wanted to get away from the noise.

Health effects reported (*6)

In a handful of houses with children, the kids were terrified when the planes took off. In one case the parents said it took several years for their kids to adjust and that adjustment is still not complete.

At a day care center, the owner was particularly irate about the jets' take-offs since the kids in the yard would scream and cry from being terrified.

Across the street a woman felt the same but didn't want to create internal family problems by voicing her opinions publicly. She was a renter and property values did not concern her. However, they too were intending to move out as soon as feasible.

Yet another woman renter said she knew there would be noise when she and her family moved in, but added they didn't expect it would be nearly as bad as it is — particularly for the small children.

This fear behavior among children has been publicly and privately reported by teachers at the Chamberlin Elementary School - kids in the school yard being terrified when the military jets take off.

I talked to numerous residents who knew other people who moved out because of the noise. Others I talked to stated they would follow suit when financial conditions allowed. On my street a house that was purchased about two years ago was sold sometime after my canvassing was completed. The owners said they wanted to get away from the noise.

Given the concern among so many residents one might thing that mitigation measures might alleviate the noise problems. However mitigation shows little promise regardless of good intentions of VTANG. (*7)

My conclusions

It is clear from my large sample of residents in the 65dB one that most residents are opposed to the proposed basing of the F-35 at the Burlington Airport.

It is extremely poor public policy to locate such military bases within the most densely populated area of Vermont particularly when there are more suitable locations available elsewhere.

The only reasonable way to mitigate the noise expected from the F-35 is to mitigate the plane itself to a different location.

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(*1) I have read comments listed underneath media articles by those who support the proposed F-35 basing here frequently stating that the military fighter jet traffic is only a small percent of the commercial traffic. That observation is largely irrelevant since my own experience and the statements in the DEIS point out that commercial air traffic noise is negligible compared to military jet noise.

(*2) Of those 300-some houses about 60 percent responded, the rest not responding from either not being at home, declining to offer an opinion or some other reason. To get to the 60 percent level I had to canvass streets twice. I counted those who opened the door but had no comment in the 40 percent figure assuming "no response" was equivalent to not opening the door.

I began my interview with a single simple question. I stated my name and my street address and stated my purpose. I asked a single simple question: ""Do you have any strong feelings one way or another with the proposal to base the F-35 at the Burlington Airport." It was not a loaded or biased question and for those willing to talk. I listened to all who had anything further to say after answering that question.

Interviews with supporters of the proposal tended to be very short which was almost universally due to their choosing. With some I extended the conversation asking for specific reason for their support. These responses were not included since they did not amount to problems and since those same reasons have been expressed over and over in public media with all their possible reasons for support expressed there.

I was looking for what the problems were and how widespread they were distributed.

There is no bias in doing this since the results of the survey are expressed in quantitative terms which capture all interviewees.

(*3) One would expect that guard members, friends and family members of guard members (collectively "guard residents") would support basing of the F-35, as they should, which is similar to a local booster group supporting the local school football team. This is my justification for taking a second look at the data in order to determine how everyone else not connected to the guard felt. This technique eliminates the built-in statistical bias introduced by this segment of the residents

Quantitative results

With "guard residents" included (180 base):
97 opposed (54%) vs. 83 supportive

With "guard residents" omitted (149 base):
97 opposed (65%) vs. 52 supportive

(*4) Some F-35 basing supporters have been abusive with put-downs of those with legitimate objections to the basing of the jets here by calling them whiners and repeatedly suggesting that if they do not like it they should move out of the area. That would mean, *at least*, a simple majority of homeowners would have to move provided the same percentage of those missing the interview reflected the same level of opposition/support as those who did respond.

Another smear is that residents expressing their concerns are anti-military.

I come from a military family and my father fought from Paris all the way through to the Argonne Forest in Europe. My oldest brother was a navigator who flew 31 bombing missions over Germany with the famous "Bloody 100th Bomber Group of the U.S. 8th Air Force" of which several books have been written. Another brother served in the occupation of Japan, another in Germany and Korea right after the war. I served during the Vietnam conflict as a volunteer. My nephew rose to rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force and was about to achieve the rank of general were it not for a tragic divorce and its aftermath – a sacrifice due to military duty. Needless to say, I am proud of my family's contribution to this nation's defense.

In my canvassing a number of retired military officers were opposed to the basing – and more adamantly opposed that many others.

(*5) The F-35 noise level, which can be derived from the sound level (dB) data in the Air Force Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS), is from three to four times louder than the F-16 as measured by instruments. That additional loudness aside for the moment, it has been repeated by the supporters of the F-35 that it will introduce lower frequencies of sound compared to the F-16. If this is true this effect lone will have a higher vibration impact on building structures than the higher frequencies of the F-16.

Now add back the greater overall loudness of the F-35 and we are likely looking at a magnification of the plethora of today's problems including noise annoyance problems, potential vibration damage to physical structures such as houses or some of their contents, and both mental and physical health problems.

Since the F-35's engine is much larger than the F16, it will introduce lower frequencies of sound into the exhaust noise mix. This is consistent with what many F-35 supporters have been saying. However, these lower sound frequencies makes it more likely that the vibrational resonance response of physical structures within the noise envelope of the F-35 will be enhanced – make it more likely that damage to them (houses) will occur.

(*6) The serious negative health effects of airport noise have been presented in public media venues in Vermont recently and have been posted on the Stop-the-F35 website. This loudest noise comes from military jets in the case of the Burlington Airport.

(*7) I have seen references to noise mitigation measures from various sources including references to the City of South Burlington's brief mentioning of such in one or more documents. While I see mitigation measure as attempts to "minimize" noise, I do not see mitigation measures as a solution that will have any significant impact on the noise problem. I strongly suspect that the promise of such cited measures are intended to falsely lure the public into acceptance of the F-35 basing. There is no way that one can mitigate noise out of being a problem for at least the three seasons of the year when people may be out in the streets or in the yard or with windows open – regardless what is done to sound proof houses. That idea is obviously nonsense.

Changing F-35 flight patterns will not accomplish what should have already accomplished with the F16 but has not been. If F-16 noise has not been sufficiently mitigated by flight pattern changes, why would it be successful for a plane three to four times louder than the F-16. Again this is a somewhat less that forthright notion being presented to the public.

An earthen embankment to shield the surrounding community from noise becomes moot as soon as a jet rises above it during takeoff.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Sarah Kulig
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 8:57 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Burlington F-35

Dear Mr. Germanos,

As a Burlington resident, I am opposed to the F-35 coming to Vermont. The risk this high-noise area will have on our children's development and community well-being far outweighs any benefits, which seem limited at best. The environmental impact and impact on the community are unnecessary and to allow the F-35 to come to Burlington would be a harmful decision which I am opposed to.

Sincerely,
Sarah Kulig

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Cecchetti, Jason J 1LT USARMY NG VTARNG (US)
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 9:07 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Support of F-35 in Vermont (UNCLASSIFIED)
Signed By:

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Mr Germanos,

I wish to express my support of bringing the F-35A to Burlington, Vermont. Keep up the great work and don't let the anti-war progressives that live in Burlington compromise national security in the North East!

v/r,

1LT Jason Cecchetti

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Mark Hengstler
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 9:16 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 Request

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am not sure the power you have over the F-35 decision but, if my voice can carry any weight in your work, I ask that you please consider advocating to shut down the entire F-35 project. I know little about planes and warfare, and imagine there are political considerations surrounding your decision of which I am entirely unaware. But this is an expensive weapon. This is a decision that many people are following. I worry that our children, especially in Vermont, will look back at this project and hate us for doing little to halt its progress.

Thank you for your time,

Mark Hengstler

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Beth Blair
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 4:25 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F 35 Support!

Dear Sir
Please support the F35 move to VT. I can not understand the thought process of those who are opposed. There is a fighter aircraft already stationed here in Burlington and the F35 would only replace the F16 with little to no growing pains. Give Vermont the honor of ushering in this new aircraft!
Thank you for your time,
Elisabeth Blair

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Janet Biehl
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 6:25 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: no F-35 in Vermont

Dear Nicholas Germanos,

I am writing to you during this public comment period about the potential basing of the F-35A at the Burlington Air Guard Station in Vermont. I would like to register my strong opposition. I believe that the purported benefits of the F35A being based here have been exaggerated, while the problems it will bring have been underestimated and in some cases, ignored altogether.

The Air National Guard has claimed that the F35A basing is necessary for the Vermont Guard However, I have seen no evidence that the Guard would be unable to be given another mission if another base were chosen for this one.

The claim has also been made that the basing would be economically beneficial to our community. But according to the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the economic gain from jobs would be limited. Under Scenario 1 (1 to 1 replacement of 18 F-35A's for the current F-16's) there would be no increase in jobs. Even under Scenario 2, the Air Force has stated there would be only "minor"
economic
effect from the 266 additional military personnel (83 full-time and
183 part-time), with all the full-time personnel transferred from other bases outside Vermont.

But the the economic cost to local communities within the noise contour of the F35A flight path is highly worrisome. The residents of Winooski and South Burlington would be most directly affected by the projected flight path of the F35As. They would experience losses in property value and difficulty re-selling their property. According to the Air Force's DEIS, "Areas exposed to DNL above 65 dB are generally not considered suitable for residential use." Numerous federal agencies (HUD, FAA and VA) all recommend written disclosures to prospective buyers or lessees of property within this noise area, and properties in noise areas over 65 dB DNL may not be eligible for federally guaranteed loans, program assistance, subsidy or insurance.
The Air Force DEIS cites two studies, one of which shows a 1.8 to 2.3 percent decrease in property values per dB, and a second showing 0.5 to 2 percent decrease per dB.

Given the low likelihood of significant economic benefit, and the high likelihood of negative economic impact to citizens in the noise contour, I would like to ask you to register my opposition to basing the F35A in the Burlington area.

Sincerely,

Janet Biehl

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Dakota Brizendine
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 10:13 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Stop the F-35

We are a young family that just purchased a home in winooski, I have two young children and would be devastated if the F-35s were based at the airport, our house would become worthless and my children would suffer from extended noise exposure. Please stop the f-35s from coming to Burlington.
Thank you
Dakota

Sent from my iPhone

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: John Pratt
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2013 3:16 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 basing

I would like to make my opposition clear to the Basing of the F-35 in Burlington Vermont. The F-16 has been adequate and will continue to be without subjecting everyone to the additional noise of the F-35. Thank you. John Pratt

Sent from my iPad

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Robert Walsh
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2013 3:30 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35

29 June 13

As the F-35 discussions come to a climax, I am writing to express my opposition to basing this aircraft in Burlington. Proponents of the aircraft argue it is necessary for our economy. Our political leaders express their admiration for the Air National Guard. I understand the economic argument. I don't understand politicians advocating for the aircraft as a reward for the Air Guard's excellent performance. In the military, performance is acknowledged with unit citations and individual medals.

Opponents of the F-35 focus on noise, environmental factors, and real estate values. The latter is a very serious matter that affects the financial stability of many families. Our political leaders are apparently deaf to this concern.

One subject conspicuously absent from the discussions is mission necessity. With the Air Force considering several locations for the F-35, what makes Burlington a primary prospect? What mission will the F-35 perform that requires it to be based in Burlington?

Burlington International Airport is an ideal location for accepting many types of military aircraft. We regularly see KC-130 aircraft performing "touch and goes" at Burlington. Over the past three years I have contacted the Air Force and our Congressional delegation recommending the Vermont Air National Guard be assigned a new mission, one that would meet the needs of the service, protect jobs, bolster the economy, and bring aircraft that are compatible with the Burlington area. This is the perfect time to consider changing the Air Guard's mission. To date, the assignment of a new and more appropriate mission has not entered the discussion. It should.

Robert L. Walsh

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: K ABADI
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2013 5:58 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: f35 in burlington vt.

Dear Sir.
Oppose f35 in Burlington Vt for following reasons:
1-Location-small neighbourhood with elementary school.
2-Noise-random take offs and landings feel like more than 6 minutes a day.
3-Training off other units will increase.With the f16 units from Canada and other states are invited to train in Burlington 4-Cost 5-Too many errors in various reports.
Kathleen Abadi

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2013 6:41 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Basing of the F35A in Burlington, VT

Hi, Nick -

Sorry, I forgot to put a subject in the body of this e-mail. So here it is.
Otherwise, my e-mail is the same as the earlier one.
(See Below)

Best Regards,
Jake

30 June, 2013

Mr. Nick Germanos
HQ ACC / A7PS
129 Andrews St., Suite 332
Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769

RE: Basing of the F35A Stealth Bomber in Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos;

This is the second letter that I've written to you concerning the above subject, the earlier letter being transmitted on 6/16/12. I am now writing in response to the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement,
which the Air Force released on May 31st. Hopefully, the updated study
now uses local environmental information that is accurate and up-to-date.

Bad Idea / Our Children's Development -

It is apparent that the intent to bed down these Stealth Bombers in a highly congested populated area is still a very bad idea. The State of Vermont has published information indicating that the incessant noise of the aircraft, day after day, year after year, will have a negative impact on the healthy development of our children that live in the affected area. And the affected area is not small. As you know, about one-half of the City of Winooski is located in an area that will be no longer appropriate for residential homes. The impact in South Burlington may be even more substantial when considering total population.

Bad Idea / Local Crash Zones -

A new war product that is just being developed and tested should not be flown repeatedly over residential spaces. The danger of crashes is high, especially early in the development program. This is a particular concern because of the well-documented and nationally publicized design flaws of the F35. Many citizens in the local area are really concerned about the probability of crashes, especially when they are seeing daily F16 fly-overs which are not far over the roofs of their homes. They question - Why is the Air Force willing to take these risks, when there are a number of other potential basing locations which do not have this issue? This unsettling question is not likely to go away.

Bad Idea / Economic Tsunami for Local Home-Owners -

The airspace that the F35A is expected to fly over is populated to a large extent by low and middle class wage-earners. This is particularly true in Winooski, with a strong representation by recent immigrant populations from devastated countries in Africa, Asia and parts of Eastern Europe. They have no political clout, as they are not wealthy and don't have connections with the local power structure. However, they are grass-roots knowledgeable about the power of community, and the use of local media and media events to bring their story to the wider public.

These people are about to lose the value of their homes, or have their local neighborhoods reduced to 3rd world conditions that they have recently left. There is a vision of empty homes that cannot be sold, encroaching crime and whole neighborhoods that will be decimated. You will find that these people will not be silent and bow down submissively to the cataclysmic events that whirl around them. They will be heard, as they have nothing more to lose, and they have lost so much in their lives already.

Bad Idea / Can We Afford It?

The F35 Stealth Bomber development program as been fraught with problems. The cost overruns are enormous, and additional cost increases are piling up, one upon the other. With funding threats to many domestic programs that help sustain our citizens, including Social Security and medical coverage, the support of an expensive war program brings many questions to the minds of the denizens of the Burlington, VT area. What is being given up when we fund such programs that cost so much and appear to delivery so little?

Bad Idea / What to Do?

My take of the situation is that continued pressure to lay the F35A upon the backs of Vermonters in the Burlington area will not go well for anyone associated with the project. The potential for a backlash is enormous, and this will not be easily suppressed. Vermonters are known for their outspoken voices. Whether we are long-term natives of the State, or have recently become a member of the community from some far away country, we have ended up here for a reason. Grass-root community action is a natural force here in Vermont. The Air Force may not yet be aware of the power of this strongly grounded energy, based in deeply-felt human emotions. With luck, and with an improved deployment strategy that will be comprehensible to those affected, perhaps you will not have to go through this learning experience.

I am sending this letter initially by e-mail, but it will be followed up by a letter posted to the above address. I appreciate the chance to provide my thoughts to your attention.

Best Regards,

Jake Yanulavich

James Marc Leas
Attorney at Law
Registered Patent Lawyer

July 5, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
HQ ACC/A7PS
129 Andrews St., Suite 337
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Ms. Kathleen Ferguson
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations – SAF-IEI
1665 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1665

RE: Response to Air Force revised draft Environmental Impact Statement: the Air Force Report both Provides and Obscures F-35 Noise

Dear Mr. Germans and Ms. Ferguson:

I respectfully request that the Air Force announce that it will not base the F-35 at Burlington International Airport.

Opponents of basing the F-35 have largely rested their case on information provided by the Air Force in its draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). By contrast, supporters of the F-35, including the entire Congressional delegation, the governor, the Mayor of Burlington, and even spokespeople for the Vermont Air National Guard, have all run away from its contents.

A WCAX reporter said on VPT's "Vermont This Week" on February 8, 2013, "the irony is that you have opponents citing the Air Force's report and the Air Guard backing away from that report."

Notwithstanding all the valuable information it contains, the revised Air Force report is deeply flawed, seriously understating the public health risks of basing the F-35 in South Burlington. Though its information seriously damages the case for basing the F-35 in South Burlington, the latest Air Force report omits or obscures even more damaging noise and health-related information.

For example, while the Air Force report presents results of studies of hearing loss, vascular disorders, and cognitive impairment in children, the latest Air Force report downplays harm by omitting mention of any scientific papers about aircraft noise published during the past 10 years. NO-8

Those more recent scientific papers show that the hearing loss, vascular disorders, and cognitive impairment in children described in the Air Force report actually appear at significantly lower

average sound levels. Therefore, a large number of families living outside the Air Force designated noise contours will be affected from F-35 basing. And the 3410 families the Air Force now says are living within high noise contours are likely to suffer more serious health outcomes than the revised draft EIS reveals. NO-3

Vermont elected leaders have sustained their support for basing the F-35 in South Burlington on information gaps in the Air Force report. Sure, for example, careful readers were able to put information from one part of the EIS together with information from another part to determine how much louder the F-35 will sound than the F-16. But Vermont political and military leaders--and a certain self-seeking commercial real estate developer--have demonstrated tireless ability to avoid such understanding.

The Air Force should further revise its report to expressly state how much louder the F-35 will sound than the F-16 to listeners on the ground in communities most affected as the warplanes take off. The obscure formulations should be eliminated, the gaps filled in, and health effects brought up to date.

Sound levels are given but loudness is obscured

To its credit, the revised draft EIS gives the peak sound level heard by a person on the ground below when the F-16 and the F-35 each take off from the Burlington Airport and reach 1000 feet (page BR4-21):

F-16..... 94 dB
F-35..... 115 dB

Also, to its credit--but unfortunately in a separate section--the revised draft EIS says, "On average, a person perceives a doubling (or halving) of the sound's loudness when there is a 10-dB change in sound level." (Page 3-7). GP-8

The Air Force report fails to state that the 21 dB difference means that the F-35 is more than four times louder than the F-16. The revised draft EIS obscures this fact by requiring the reader to put information from the two sections together and do some calculating. NO-9

First, of course, the reader must recognize the need to put the information on page BR4-21 together with the information on page 3-7. Then the reader must recognize that if a 10dB change is perceived as a doubling of the perceived loudness, then 20dB is two doublings of the loudness and that two doublings means the sound is 4 times louder. Only then would the reader conclude that, with its peak sound level 21 dB higher than the F-16, the F-35 must be more than 4 times louder than the F-16.

So far, none of Vermont's elected statewide leaders and none of its military leaders have followed such a train of reasoning. The obscure presentation allows those leaders to be in denial. GP-9

Taking advantage of the obscure presentation, to divert attention from and to disparage the information in the Air Force report, a commercial developer named Ernie Pomerleau hosted a private jet flight for Governor Shumlin, Burlington Mayor Weinberger, Winooski Mayor

O'Brien, and now-Adjutant General Steven Cray to visit Eglin Air Force Base on December 12, 2012.

Pomerleau and other commercial developers stand to make millions of dollars for themselves from buying up the vacant land and putting up commercial buildings after Burlington demolishes the tiny affordable homes of hundreds of families near the airport entrance. Those families were displaced under a $40 million FAA buyout program after the Vermont Air National Guard chose a fuel tank configuration that required increased use of the extremely noisy afterburner on takeoff. That afterburner noise triggered the FAA buyout, literally clearing the way for the commercial developers.

A report in the *Burlington Free Press*, "Supporters hope governor's F-35 visit will boost their cause "on December 16, 2012 said:

> Within minutes of watching and listening to the F-35 and the F-16 take off and fly by, Shumlin declared the F-35 quiet. Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger said it was not appreciably louder than the F-16.
>
> 'I'm shocked how quiet the F-35 is,' Shumlin said at the time. It would have had to be considerably louder to change his support, he said.

At no time has Mayor Miro Weinberger or Governor Peter Shumlin ever mentioned that the Air Force report provides information showing that the F-35 is more than four times louder than the F-16. By contrast, Governor Shumlin further illustrated how obscure the Air Force report was in his remarks on Vermont Public Radio on December 13, 2012. Governor Shumlin started by saying "Many of the things that are being said about the F-35 and the noise problem are simply not true." The things being said, of course, were based on information in the Air Force draft EIS, such as that the F-35 is more than four times louder than the F-16.

Nor has any spokesperson for the Vermont National Guard ever described how loud the Air Force report says the two planes are. Further illustrating how obscurely the information was presented in both the original and the revised draft EIS, spokesmen for the Vermont Air National Guard are actually currently campaigning against the information presented in those Air Force reports.

At a news conference conducted at Camp Johnson by the Vermont Air National Guard, not only did its spokesman fail to present and clarify the information published by the Air Force in its reports regarding the relative loudness of the two planes, the spokesman actually said the opposite.

As reported in "Vermont Air Guard offers its side of the F-35 basing story," on June 6, 2013:

> Speaking at an invitation-only roundtable discussion with the media at Vermont National Guard headquarters at Camp Johnson, Lt. Col. Luke "Torch" Ahmann, 158 Fighter Wing Plans and F-35 Program Integration Officer for the Air Guard, said . . . **the jet will be quieter than the F-16 after it takes off.**

Thus, Lt. Co. Luke Ahmann did not mention, clarify, or explain the 21 dB difference the Air Force reported. The information is so obscure in the Air Force report that a spokesman for the Vermont Air National Guard could say the opposite at a news conference.

In addition to failing to clearly state how much louder the F-35 is than the F-16, the revised draft EIS fails to state how high the F-35 will be when it flies over residential areas in Winooski, Burlington, and Williston. Nor does this Air Force report give the peak sound levels people will hear when the F-35 flies over their communities. Nor does it provide a comparison of sound levels with the F-16 at those heights. NO-10

The Air Force report should be revised again to state how much louder the F-35 will be compared to the F-16 as it flies over streets in Winooski, Burlington, and Williston and as it takes off in South Burlington. As written, with key information on different pages and its failure to even say how much louder the F-35 will sound than the F-16 sounds when on takeoff they reach 1000 feet above ground level, the revised draft EIS appears to intentionally obscure its finding that the F-35 is more than four times louder than the F-16. The obscuring is one piece of evidence for the conclusion that the F-35 basing process is not legitimate.

With 55 homes already demolished and 100 more vacant in South Burlington and awaiting demolition because of F-16 afterburner noise, with $150 million worth of affordable homes in Winooski, Williston, Burlington, and South Burlington at risk from F-35 noise, and with commercial developers hungrily seeking to grab millions of dollars for themselves from land confiscation and redevelopment near the airport entrance, the situation stinks of corruption.

The clean fresh air of facts is needed--facts not yet clearly provided in a draft EIS, as required by federal law. A further revised draft EIS is needed before any final decision is made. It should leave no work for the reader. And it should leave no chance for obfuscation and denial by politicians, Air National Guard leaders, and commercial real estate developers.

Analysis of strengths and shortcomings of the Air Force reports regarding health risks to children and adults from F-35 noise will be presented in a forthcoming letter.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

/James Marc Leas/

James Marc Leas

July 5, 2013

Nicholas M. Germanos
P.E. Project Manager, ACC/A7NS
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Re: Revised Draft United States Air Force F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Germanos:

This letter is to advise you of a critical error in the Revised Draft EIS for the proposed siting of the F-35's at the Burlington, Vermont airport.

The Revised Draft EIS states that there are 3,410 housing units within the 65-85+ db DNL contour bands for Burlington ANG Scenario 2. A review of the number of housing units impacted indicates that the **DEIS estimate understates the number of homes affected by 838 units**. The actual number of housing units affected is 25% higher than that reported in the DEIS. Because the DEIS population estimates are based on housing unit estimates, the population figures are also likely to be in significant error.

Attached is a spreadsheet which identifies each residential property which is located within the 65-85+ db DNL counter bands for Burlington ANG Scenario 2. There are 4,248 housing units in this zone. So that you may verify the accuracy of this data, the properties are identified by tax ID number, street address and longitude / latitude coordinates. The properties have been identified through the work of Horace Shaw, a GIS technician who resides in Winooski.

The magnitude of the error is so great, that a revised analysis of the impact on housing units and population must be completed in order for the final EIS to provide a meaningful basis for the F-35 basing decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and including this information in the public record.

Regards

Stephen Allen

Residential Properties Affected by the Scenario 2 65dB or higher DNL Zones

Winooski

Parcel Number	ParcelID	Address (911)	TOWN	Units	Land Use Category	Description	SITETYPE (911)	GPSX	GPSY	Assessed Value	Update Date (911)
AC003	AC003-	3 ANITA CT	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1907	44.49834	186800	7/20/2012
AU004	AU004-	4 AUDET ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1921	44.49734	217200	7/5/2012
AU019	AU019-	19 AUDET ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1922	44.49799	194800	7/5/2012
AU021	AU021-	21 AUDET ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1923	44.49816	264400	7/5/2012
AU022	AU022-	22 AUDET ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1925	44.49779	178700	7/5/2012
AU034	AU034-	34 AUDET ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1926	44.49793	229000	7/5/2012
BL015	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1832	44.4981	231600	7/26/2012
BL023	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1831	44.49829	231600	7/26/2012
BL029	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1831	44.49829	231600	7/26/2012
BL031	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.183	44.49846	231600	7/20/2012
BL039	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL - CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.183	44.49846	231600	7/20/2012
BL041	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL - CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1829	44.49865	231200	7/26/2012
BL043	BU031-	0 BARBARA LN	WINOOSKI	1	O	1F DWL CONDOMINIUM	MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1829	44.49865	231600	7/26/2012
BN003	BN003-	3 BERNARD ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1717	44.49443	214700	7/5/2012
BN009	BN009-	9 BERNARD ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1715	44.49463	205900	7/5/2012
BN013	BN013-	13 BERNARD ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1714	44.49481	213000	7/5/2012
BN021	BN021-	21 BERNARD ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1713	44.49497	209700	7/5/2012
BR019	BR019-	19 BRUCE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1757	44.49646	215700	7/5/2012
BR021	BR021-	21 BRUCE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.176	44.49647	200900	7/5/2012
BR027	BR027-	27 BRUCE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1763	44.49651	201500	7/5/2012
BU012	BU012-	12 BURLING ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1841	44.49762	214300	7/5/2012
BU035	BU035-	35 BURLING ST	WINOOSKI	1	MHL	0.15 AC & LAND	MOBILE HOME	-73.1832	44.49768	100000	7/5/2012
BV012	BV012-	12 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.183	44.49907	186000	7/5/2012
BV018	BV018-	18 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1827	44.49896	180300	7/5/2012
BV024	BV024-	24 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1825	44.49887	185800	7/5/2012
BV030	BV030-	30 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1823	44.49879	182800	7/5/2012
BV044	BV044-	44 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1818	44.4986	194500	7/26/2012
BV054	BV054-	54 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1815	44.49853	169600	7/26/2012
BV078	BV078-	78 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1811	44.49839	176400	7/26/2012
BV082	BV082-	82 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1809	44.49832	175800	7/20/2012
BV088	BV088-	88 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1807	44.49826	193500	7/26/2012
BV100	BV100-	100 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1804	44.49811	237000	7/26/2012
BV104	BV104-	104 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1802	44.49807	267700	7/26/2012
BV112	BV112-	112 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1799	44.49793	151800	7/26/2012
BV120	BV120-	120 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1797	44.49783	233800	7/26/2012
BV128	BV128-	128 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1794	44.49774	201200	7/20/2012
BV180	BV180-	180 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.177	44.49681	254100	7/5/2012
BV188	BV188-	188 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1766	44.4968	263400	7/5/2012
BV196	BV196-	196 BELLEVUE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1763	44.49685	279000	7/5/2012
CO017	CO017-	21 CORRINE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1759	44.49458	174400	7/5/2012
CO021	CO021-	17 CORRINE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1757	44.49459	222900	7/5/2012
CO046	CO046-	46 CORRINE ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1742	44.49431	212900	7/5/2012
CP006	CP006-	6 CHAMPLAIN PL	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1932	44.49231	183200	7/20/2012
CP010	CP010-	10 CHAMPLAIN PL	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1931	44.49217	216500	7/20/2012
CP012	CP012-	12 CHAMPLAIN PL	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1929	44.492	241200	7/26/2012
DI001	DI001-	1 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.175	44.4936	188300	7/5/2012
DI004	DI004-	4 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1754	44.49375	213600	7/5/2012
DI005	DI005-	5 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.175	44.49392	212200	7/5/2012
DI007	DI007-	7 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1749	44.4941	221700	7/5/2012
DI008	DI008-	8 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1755	44.49425	229500	7/5/2012
DI009	DI009-	9 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.175	44.4943	219200	7/5/2012
DI049	DI049-	49 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.175	44.49466	223400	7/20/2012
DI053	DI053-	53 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.175	44.49486	201900	7/26/2012
DI064	DI064-	64 DION ST	WINOOSKI	1	R1	1F DWL	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	-73.1755	44.495	266800	7/20/2012

There are 37 more pages following this to support the commenter's assertions. These were reviewed by the Air Force and available upon request.

MR GERMANOS,

My Home is under base leg for BTV. I Look forward to having F35 flying overhead. Thankyou for the support for our Local Troops! We need these people, they are important to our community!

John

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July 15, 2013

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Re: F-35A Operational Wing Beddown Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Burlington Air Guard Station
DOD

Dear Mr. Germanos:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project involving the Department of the Air Force (DHP #CH11-070). We received a copy of the revised Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on June 24, 2013, and are submitting these written comments for your consideration.

The Division for Historic Preservation is reviewing this proposed undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4, regulations established by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Project review consists of identifying the project's potential impacts to historic buildings and structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and to known or potential archeological resources.

While reviewing the revised EIS, we noted the following statement regarding our review of the project to date:

- Volume I, page BR4-13, Section BR2.4: It is stated that: "The Vermont SHPO verbally concurred in April 2013 with the Air Force conclusion of no adverse effects to the APE." A similar statement appears in Volume II, Appendix B, page B-4, Table 1.

This is not an accurate statement, as the Vermont SHPO did not verbally concur with the "no adverse effect" determination in April 2013. Our regulatory review of this project has been ongoing since January 2010, and we did not reach a final determination effect until receiving and reviewing the most recent EIS.

The Section 106 review process consists of identifying the project boundaries; identifying historic properties within those boundaries; and evaluating potential effects on those historic properties. The EIS identifies the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Burlington Air Guard Station (Burlington AGS) as all areas of ground disturbance associated with the project, as well as aircraft operations and the areas affected by noise levels 65 dB DNL and greater. None of the structures within the boundaries of the Burlington AGS are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Several archeological sites within the boundaries of the Burlington AGS are eligible for listing in the NRHP, but will not be affected by construction related to the project.

The APE extending beyond the boundaries of the Burlington AGS includes significant portions of the cities of Winooski and South Burlington. With regard to historic structures, Volume I, page BR4-62, Section BR3.9.1.1 states that under ANG Scenarios 1 and 2 only "two NRHP-listed sites would be exposed to noise levels 65 dB DNL and greater: a portion of the Winooski Falls Mill District and a portion of the Winooski Falls Mill Historic District (boundary increase)."

In addition to the Winooski Falls Mill Historic District, the following resources in Winooski are also listed in the NRHP and fall within the 65 dB DNL contour for both ANG Scenarios 1 and 2:

- LeClair Avenue Historic District, listed 4/2/2012
- Methodist Episcopal Church of Winooski, listed 3/2/2001
- Old Stone House, listed 5/8/1973
- Porter Screen Company, listed 11/15/1979
- Winooski Block, listed 11/20/1974

As stated in the EIS Volume I, page 3-35, Section 3.10.2, effects on "cultural resources with standing structures that are listed on or eligible for listing on the NRHP…were considered." This methodology is further refined in the EIS to focus on potential effects on resources that are listed in the NRHP, with the assumption that similar effects would apply to resources that are eligible for listing in the NRHP. Given the large number of resources located under the airspace, the majority of which have not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility, it is reasonable to consider effects on listed resources only and apply the resulting determination of effects to the broader group of resources, which includes potentially eligible resources, under the airspace.

When evaluating potential effects on historic resources, we consider both direct (physical destruction or alteration) and indirect (visual, atmospheric or audible) effects. As stated above, there will be no direct effects on buildings at the Burlington AGS because none of them are listed or eligible for listing in the NRHP. As for indirect effects, the introduction of audible elements should be taken into consideration. The historic resources located under the airspace, however, are significant for their architectural and/or historic associations and are located in developed urban areas. The presence of aircraft within the airspace over these areas is long established, and the proposed project will not introduce audible elements that are not already present. As such, the audible elements related to the undertaking will not diminish the integrity of historically significant features of resources located under the airspace.

After reviewing the revised EIS, and specifically the information regarding environmental consequences in Volume I, pages BR4-62 through 64, Section BR3.2.9.1, as well as information regarding noise effects on structures in Volume II, pages C-51 through 72, Section C2.8, it is our opinion that there will be no adverse effects on historic resources as result of the proposed undertaking.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian, at devin.colman@state.vt.us or 802-828-3043. Mr. Colman reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described above.

Sincerely,
VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Lawrence Miller, Secretary
Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Cc: Noelle MacKay, Department of Housing and Community Development

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Ruth Drake
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: NO to F-35s

NO, we do NOT want the f-35's in BUrlington, VT. Airport is too close to lots of residential neighborhoods which are already being ruined by the F-15s.

NO to the noise polution.

No to the air polution.

No to ruining the environment and ruining people's lives.

Thank you for listening to the citizens.

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From: John Drake
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 opposition

I am opposed to basing the F-35's in Burlington. A plane generating as much noise as the F-35 does has no business being based in an urban area where a significant number of residential houses will be deemed unfit . This is reason enough not to base the F-35 in Burlington. The waste of money this airplane respesents is reason enough to scrap th whole idea.

John Drake

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Beverina
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 4:40 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35

July 10, 2013

Mr. Nicholas Germanos
Project Manager

I am writing to share with you my total opposition to the basing of the F-35's at the Burlington Airport. I live in Winooski and would be directly affected by the basing. I believe that the F-35's will be extremely detrimental to our community. The high noise levels (we would be in the 70 db zone) will lower the value of our property and harm the quality of life of our neighborhood and community. I also fear for the health of my extended family and granddaughter who lives just a few blocks away. She is now 1 year old and it is recognized that children are most susceptible to health impacts from high noise. Please select another location for the F-35's.

Thank you

Anita Allen

Would you please let me know that you received this? Thanks.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Glenn Gilchrist
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: No F35 in Vermont

As a Vermont resident I am vehemently opposed to basing F35 fighters in Vermont and I, like many members of my community will do everything in my power to stop it. These noisy instruments of aggression have no place here. Go play in the desert. And read the EIA you paid for. Thank you and keep out.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Carol James
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35

Dear Sir
Hope the United States Air Force will honor the State of Vermont with the assignment of the F35. This will be wonderful for our state and a source of pride.
Thanks you for your consideration.
Sincerely
Carol Barry James
born & raised in Vermont since 1943

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: LG G.
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:11 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35 in Vermont

Mr. Germanos:

I fully support bringing the F-35 to Vermont.

Thank you.

Larry Gorkun

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Walter Hildebrandt
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35

The real problem is that the contracts for the F35 should be canceled for a bunch of reasons. President Eisenhower was right in his "farewell speech" when he emphasized that the major threat to the USA was the military/industrial complex

The F35 should not be based in Burlington Vermont.

This is from a veteran who is alarmed that a plane is being designed that is not suitable for our battle with the terrorists. The Cold War is over. Future enemies will try many new and different things such as explosions in their underwear or in their knapsacks, cyber attacks on just about anything, toy droned, etc. etc. etc.

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Jean-Sébastien Chaulot
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: What is the real drive for basing the F-35 in Burlington?

Nicholas Germanos,
After reading and listening to many pro and con arguments for the F35 basing in Burlington. It seems that politicians have a very strong bias and ignore the majority of their elector's opinion. What is the actual reasons that drives them according to you?
What are the motivations of the AF for a Burlington basing?
I hope you can answer simply and clearly to those important but unanswered questions.
Best regards,
Jean Chaulot

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Loretta Dow Marriott
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: I oppose F-35s for BTV

Mr. Germanos,

I oppose the F 35 initial basing at BTV for many reasons. The Air Force deserves a better airplane.

Loretta Marriott

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Elise Seraus
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: VT F-35 support

Dear Mr. Geramos,
I wanted to express my strong support for basing the F-35 fighters at the Vermont National Guard base in Burlington. The Green Mountain Boys have done a fabulous job protecting our Country and deserve this honor. The base is in an excellent location for protecting major East Coast population centers as well.
Thank you for considering us as a location for your new jets.
Elise Seraus

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Karen Claxton
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:35 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Say "No" to F-35 Basing in Vermont

Sir,

I am yet one more resident of Winooski, Vt who would appeal to you NOT to base the F-35s in Vermont. There is no place for this aircraft in such a highly populated area. I consider myself lucky that most of the current F-16 noise occurs over my home when I am away at work during the day. I cannot even imagine an aircraft 4X as loud residing in our area! I certainly do not need to quote the health concerns as they have been eloquently stated by many other folks time and time again. And even the it would seem that the AF downplays the environmental impact, you have certainly done your own research!

I am also concerned about the potential of my home decreasing in value. That is pretty much my retirement nest egg. This has already occurred via the buyouts of homes in So Burlington, VT near our airport. I can only imagine what will happen if we add the F-35 to the mix. No afterburner, I'm told, however, that was the scenario for the F-16 and look where that went!! Now we have afterburners.

I also have a concern for the hundreds of refugees residing here that may not understand the consequences of the basing of this plane and if they do, how to participate in the process of opposing it. Many of these folks have come from warring countries, undemocratic societies and live in fear….why MORE noise?

Finally, but not least - the "process" of how we became such a prominent choice is HIGHLY suspect in my opinion. Not a one of our elected legislators will meet with opponents to discuss the issue. HOW did we get to this point if Burlington is not the AF top choice?? It does beg the question…

You face tough decisions each and every day to be sure, this does not need to be one of them!

Thanks for listening,

Karen I. Claxton

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Julie Lauzon
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:47 AM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35 for Vermont

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I agree with the Air Force's assessment that the F35 is right for Vermont! I would be proud to see the F35 flying over our friendly blue skies, and hearing the sound of freedom. Thank you for considering our city for this great opportunity!

Jules

Never pass up a chance to extend kindness, it could be the key to producing a positive chain reaction that can make all the difference in the World!

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Alan Hunton
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F-35s in Burlington, VT

I grew up within a mile from the airport in South Burlington, VT. We lived with the occasional noise of jet traffic, commercial and military. I never remember being awakened by the noise. People who have chosen to purchase or build homes near the airport could not have been so oblivious to their surroundings to not factor in the potential growth inevitable in this environment. Now that additional noise or air traffic is on the horizon they want to stop it. To my mind, these people are the worst kind of "Nimbys" (not in my back yard). I represent one of many native South Burlington residents who approve of the F-35s being brought to our area. The positive benefits to our community far outweigh any momentary noise inconvenience related to their deployment. Here's hoping your efforts are successful.

Sincerely;

Alan S. Hunton

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Brenda Maglaris
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 1:18 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Bring the F35 to Vermont!

Hello:

I wanted to let you know that I have sent you a letter in support of the F-35 coming to Burlington, but while it was partly a form letter (I did add some of my own thoughts), I also wanted to send you an e-mail to re-confirm my belief.

There are people, very vocal, very loud, and sometimes very rude, here who are trying their best to chase away the F-35. I really, really hope that they do not win their fight. It will be such a disappointment for me and my family.

You see, we lived in South Burlington on Dumont Avenue for over 20 years. We moved away in 2005 when we sold our house to the airport. The reason we sold our house to the airport had nothing to do with the noise generated. It was, strictly speaking, an opportunity to sell our house and not have to deal with realtors and gawkers who just wanted to see our home. We happened to find a house in another town (we were also looking also in our neighborhood) and ended up moving away from the city.

However, we still own and operate a business down in the commerce park area of South Burlington and I can tell you, we still love to witness and hear the F-16's as they take off, practice formations and land. It really is the sound of freedom.

One other thing I'd like to share; on the morning of September 11, 2001, I was just getting out of the shower...having lived there for enough years, I knew something big was happening because every single F-16 we had were taking off...it seemed like the sounds of their taking off went on for hours, but I'm sure it was only a matter of a few minutes. As I turned on the TV to see what was going on, I felt cold chills because I knew, even before the second plane hit, we were under attack.

The next two days of complete silence were so profound and sad. Not another plane landed or took off for over 48 hours. I cried tears of joy when our planes returned and everyone was safe.

If the jets leave Burlington, I think the silence will be as deafening, profound and sad as it was then in 2001. Please do not let this happen. These jets are the sound of freedom and I hope it keeps ringing here!

Sincerely and from the heart,

Brenda B Maglaris

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:47 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Please Base the F35's in Burlington Vermont

Nicholas Germanos,

I am not here to debate the noise levels, property values or any other pooh pooh complaints some of my neighbors keep airing. It is my belief the issue is not the noise but the fact these are war planes. I am sure these folks protesting basing the F35s here relish their freedom but think if they support the F35 they are supporting war. Basing the F35 in Vermont is a good strategic defensive move given Vermont's location. I live and work on one of the flight paths in Winooski. F16s regularly fly over my house. Yes they are noisy. Will the F35 be noisier? Yes I am told. Do I care about the noise? I certainly do but believe the US Air Guard with keep it minimized. Do I care about defending our way of life here in the USA? You bet I do an that is why I am in favor and proud of the decision to be basing the F35s in Burlington Vermont.

Sincerely,

Victor J. Tirrito

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Grant Crichfield
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: opposition to F-35's in Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,
I am writing to register my opposition to the placement by the U.S. Air Force of F-35's in Burlington, VT, where I have been a resident for over forty years. Given the location of the Air National Guard installation relative to adjoining and nearby cities and residential areas, as well as serious problems in the AF's selection process, I am dismayed that F-35's may be placed here.
My main reasons for this opposition are:
• thousands of homes are located in areas very immediately surrounding the airport where the F-35's will be based. They will be rendered inhabitable because they are in a zone where noise levels produced by the F-35 will make them dangerous to live in. Other homes, such as many in Winooski, are directly under the flight paths. Even now, the flight paths directly impact the quality of life in Winooski because of the noise of jets taking off/landing directly overhead and low. In South Burlington, which surrounds the airport and is built very close to it, many homes have already been torn down because of airport noise. The F-35's, by all reports, will make matters even worse. These are all areas with affordable housing in a region and state which already have some of the lowest vacancy rates in the nation; these will become even worse if literally hundreds (thousands?) more homes have to be torn down due to F-35 noise.
• health effects on children and others in the areas from the noise the F-35's will create.
• the Air National Guard installation at BTV is not on a base located far out of town; on the contrary, it is located right in the middle of neighborhoods and towns built up ever since the late 1940's and '50's.
Airport activities are not happening out in the country somewhere, they are virtually across the street from residential neighborhoods.
• the mistakes and problems in the procedures followed (and not followed) for the choice of BTV as one of the Air Force's finalists for the placement of the F-35's. Some of these mistakes include the very kind of email I am now writing you: a huge mistake (disinformation?) about the numbers of people registering opposition to the F-35's coming to Burlington airport. Many other anomalies in the Air Force process come to light almost constantly.
• climate of opposition in this region to the F-35's coming to BTV doesn not bode well for its future presence. It is surprising the Air Force has chosen this as a finalist when there are so many other areas in the country that would welcome it and where there would be little opposition.

I urge the Air Force not to locate the F-35's in at the Burlington airport.

Sincerely,
Grant Crichfield

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Meaghan Emery
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:27 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Public comment re: Air Force's revised DEIS for Burlington, VT

Dear Mr. Germanos,

I am writing again to express my opposition to the proposed bed-down of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter in Burlington, VT. I live in the neighborhood of South Burlington that would be and already is most affected by the presence of the Air Guard. I attended a public forum on the effects of jet noise on our children last night (July 9, 2013 at Chamberlin Elementary School in South Burlington), and university researchers, an emergency room doctor, and nurses discussed the recent research on the health and cognitive risks associated with jet noise. This research shows not only that the F-35 should not be based in residential, densely populated, metropolitan areas such as ours, but also that the F-16s that we currently have here are detrimental to the physical and mental health, peace-of-mind, and cognitive development of adults and children. Let alone hearing loss for those who live closest to the flight path, cumulative effects over time and over a broad proportion of the population (not just a select, hardy few) are shown to shorten life span (through increased risk of cancer, cardio-vascular disease, and heart attack) and negatively impact reading, attention span, and overall learning in our children. There are over 3,000 children living in the noise zone (in South Burlington and Winooski) and hundreds if not thousands of young students attending public and private schools, pre-schools, and daycares located in the noise zone. They are already and would be further exposed to these risks were the F-35 to be based here. These risks are outlined in the Revised Draft EIS and must take precedence over all other factors, or our wonderful democracy and civil society are also at risk.

Given these risks, Burlington should be removed from the list and an alternative mission or more appropriate location for our Air Guard should be found. Question: Why was no environmental analysis done before external fuel tanks were added to our current fleet of F-16s in 2006? At that time, I recall clearly, the noise increase was not only intensely perceptible, there was no warning nor consultation with the public or local authorities. How can this be justified?

At no other site are the numbers of the most vulnerable of our citizens within the noise and crash zones so unacceptably high. The reasons for rejecting the proposed basing at Burlington International Airport are numerous and, as the health and developmental risks are becoming clearer, it seems not only premature but wrong to go against scientific evidence and base such powerful jets in the most densely populated area in Vermont.

Sincerely yours,
Meaghan Emery

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: STUART, KEVIN, VSOWRIV
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:22 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F35 in Vermont

Importance: High

Sir,

I whole heartedly believe the F35 should be stationed in Vermont!

I am a retired member of the 158th Fighter Wing, with over 35 years in Blue. I can think of no better place to base, or group of Airmen to work with that aircraft.

I spent my early years in the Air Force as a Crew Chief on B52G's and C123's, so I understand aircraft and the need to have the best aircraft available for the defense of this country. The F35 is that aircraft now, and it belongs in Vermont.

Yours Aye,

KEVIN M. STUART (MSgt, USAF, Ret), OIF - 2006

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From: Sue Bird
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: F:35's

Dear Mr. Germanos,
I concur with the Air Force's assessment that Vermont is the preferred location for the F35's.

Sincerely,
Sue Bird

Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS

From:
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Germanos, Nicholas M Civ USAF HQ ACC/A7NS
Subject: Citizen Comment, part 3, U.S. Senator Lied on C-Span about F-35s?

PART 3 OF MY PUBLIC COMMENT ON F-35s:
C-SPAN LINK CORRECTION
http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/VermontSenateD
I BELIEVE U.S. SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS MAY HAVE LIED ABOUT F-35s NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY.

To: Nicholas Germanos
nicholas.germanos@langley.af.mil

Dear Mr. Nicholas Germanos,

Cris Ericson
http://crisericson.com
crisericson@aceweb.com
879 Church Street
Chester, Vermont 05143-9375

Dear Mr. Nicholas Germanos, Part 3 of my public comment on F-35 fighter jets is a link correction. The transcription is terrible, but if the U.S. Army actually listens to the 2012 U.S. Senate political candidate debate on Vermont Public Television aired on C-Span, I think you will see that U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders may have mis-represented or lied about the F-35 strike fighter jets, and as an opposing candidate, I commented that he may have lied to the voters.

Link correction

http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/VermontSenateD

The above is the political candidate debate in which I believe U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders may have bold faced lied about F-35 strike fighter jets nuclear capability, and as an opposing candidate in 2012 running against him, I spoke up about what I believed to be him lying about.

Note: the person who transcribed speakers words was excessively sloppy:

Unidentified Speaker
ERICSON. GLIRK I BELIEVE HE LINED. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO CARRY TARGETED NUCLEAR BOMBS.
IF WHAT I UNDERSTOOD
BERNIE SANDER TO SAY
THEY'RE NOT
HE LIED.

Independent (Democrat funded) candidate U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders Liberty Union Party candidate Peter Diamondstone, Marijuana Party candidate Cris Ericson, Vote Kiss Party candidate Laurel LaFramboise, Republican Party candidate John MacGovern, Peace and Prosperity Party candidate Peter Moss

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Unidentified Speaker
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT AS OR TIMEKEEPER.
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S BEGIN. ...
Unidentified Speaker
MR. SANDERS? SANDERS: I LIVE IN BURLINGTON.
MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS.
WE HAVE FOUR KIDS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE THE...
00:06:39 ...
Unidentified Speaker
DIAMONDSTONE. DIAMONDSTONE: TALK ISSUES WAR NO MATTER WHAT THE CONCERNS ARE FOR SOCIAL ISSUES, WHEN YOU WOULD FOR ANY MILITARY APPROPRIATION THAT COMES...
00:13:07 ...
00:19:21
Unidentified Speaker
MONEY. >> Moderator: MR. DIAMONDSTONE? DIAMONDSTONE:
I DON'T THINK THERE IS GRIDLOCK. THEY ARE GETTING WHAT THEY WANT WHICH IS WAR. HE SAYS THAT HE IS...
00:20:37
Unidentified Speaker
Moderator: MS. ERICSON? ERICSON: WE HAVE A NATIONAL DEFICIT.
IF WE WERE IN THE BLACK, THE NATIONAL BUDGET HAD A LOT OF MONEY, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE...
00:23:14
Unidentified Speaker
MR. MOSS? MOSS: I AM NOT OPPOSED TO THE ANSWER AS MUCH AS I AM OPPOSED TO IN PUTTING IT IN BURLINGTON.
A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER I CAN TELL YOU...
00:24:22
Unidentified Speaker
Moderator: MR. SANDERS? SANDERS: IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THE F35 BEING IN BURLINGTON.
MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT...
00:25:25
00:30:09
Unidentified Speaker
WOULD YOU FEEL AS STRONGLY ABOUT THIS AS A WEAPON SYSTEM IF VERMONT WERE NOT IN THE RUN GLANGD IF YOU'RE ASKING ME THE BROAD E QUESTION. RESPEND TREE...
00:30:38
Unidentified Speaker
Moderator: YOU WOULD SUPPORT THE F-35 IF VERMONT WERE NOT THE RUNNING.
SANDERS:
MANY YEARS AGO BEFORE I WAS IN THE SENATE.
WHEN THEY STARTED TALKING...
00:30:50
Unidentified Speaker
Moderator: WHAT IF IT WERE TODAY.
WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE F-45 35 TODAY
IF VERMONT WERE NOT IN THE RUNNING
SANDERS:
AGAIN IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF SUPPORTING....
00:31:09
00:33:24
Unidentified Speaker
WHAT -- PERSPECTIVE OF THEM LOSING THEIR JOB?
THAT'S THE REPETITION OF THE QUESTION
THAT WAS RACED EARLIER. SANDERS IS IN FAVOR OF IT BECAUSE IT'S...

00:34:45
Unidentified Speaker
CAUSE HEALTH HAZARD, YOU ARE COSTING THE TAXPAYERS MORE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. SO IF YOU CREATE JOBS IN THE MILITARY THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE F-35...
00:35:44
Unidentified Speaker
OF CANDIDATES HERE RAISING THE QUESTION OF SORT OF A NUCLEAR ISSUE INVOLVED WITH THE PLANE THAT BEING A THREAT HERE IN BURLINGTON. TRUE? >>
00:35:54
Unidentified Speaker
IT'S NOT TRUE.
HERE IS THE SIMPLE ISSUE.
YOU LIKE THE F-35.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT. THAT'S FINE.
THE F35 IS HERE.
IT WILL BE ADVANCED JET OF THE UNITED STATES...
00:36:34
00:38:46
Unidentified Speaker
THAT MR. SANDERS SAID IS OPPOSED THE WAR, I NEED READ THE WORDS AGAIN.
THAT I READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT
HE VOTED FOR IT.
I CARRY THE ROLE CALL...
00:39:24
Unidentified Speaker
WITH ME. HE HAS VOTED FOR EVERY APPROPRIATIONS FOR WAR IN AFGHANISTAN.
EVERY APPROPRIATION FOR WAR IN IRAQ,
AND SAYS HE'S OPPOSED TO IT. THAT'S NONSENSE....
00:39:55
Unidentified Speaker
ERICSON. GLIRK I BELIEVE HE LINED.
THEY ARE DESIGNED TO CARRY TARGETED NUCLEAR BOMBS.
IF WHAT I UNDERSTOOD BERNIE SANDER
TO SAY
THEY'RE NOT
HE LIED...
00:41:08
Unidentified Speaker
WELL, GETTING BACK TO THE ISSUE OF JOBS AND THE F-35 AND SENATOR SANDERS TALKING ABOUT JOBS PROGRAM. >>
00:41:58
Unidentified Speaker
SYRIA. >> RIGHT. THE JOBS PROGRAM. AND THE ONE HAND, HE HAS BEEN RATED VERY LOW BY THE BUSINESS ON GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL FEDERATION...
00:43:17
Unidentified Speaker
DO. SANDERS: READ IN THE SECTION WHERE WE THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE. >> SHALL I
00:43:26
Unidentified Speaker
READ. SANDERS: ONE THING VOTE AGAINST THE WAR AS I DID.
THE OPPOSITION OF THE WAR AS I DID. WHEN RESOLUTION COMES WHICH SAYS AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS...
00:43:54
Unidentified Speaker
THAT'S INTERESTING. THEY DON'T HAVE THREE PART AND THE SECOND AND THIRD ADDRESS THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICE AND THEIR FAMILIES. BUT ALL THE WHERES...

00:44:53
Unidentified Speaker
REINTEGRATE. I VOTED AGAINST THE WAR
THE OPPOSITION OF THE WAR THERE WERE NOT 32 PEOPLE THAT VOTED GIVENS IT. >> Moderator: HOLD
00:45:00
00:47:36
Unidentified Speaker
YOU. DID YOU SUPPORT THE APPROPRIATION
FOR THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN? SANDERS:
I SUPPORTED SOME MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS AND I0 OPPOSED SOME AND ONLY ORGANIZATIONS...
00:48:29
00:50:43
Unidentified Speaker
HAVE GUNS AND BUTTER.
AND HE KEEPS ON VOTING FOR PUTTING MORE MONEY FOR WAR.
YOU CAN'T HAVE BOTH.
HE BECOMES A CONTRA DIPPINGS.
HE HE'S A PRIPS MY...
00:51:58
Unidentified Speaker
ERICSON. THE LOW-INCOME HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL FOR VERMONTERS TO KEEP THEIR HOME.
IF YOU CAN'T HEAT YOUR HOME. YOUR PIPES FREEZE AND...
00:53:13
01:00:42
Unidentified Speaker
YOU ARE WATCHING A LIVE DEBATE AT THE STUDIO OF THE VERMONT PUBLIC TELEVISION.
THE CANDIDATES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.
WHY DON'T WE MOVE NEXT TO...
01:00:55
01:08:34
01:09:13
Unidentified Speaker
Moderator: MR. MOSS? MOSS: THE FREE MARKET DID REALLY WELL. AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS A GROWING -- HAD A THE GROWING ECONOMY...
01:10:58
01:12:02
01:13:13
01:15:28
Unidentified Speaker
LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE, YOU ARE NEXT. DIAMONDSTONE:
WHEN THEY DECIDED TO BRING IN THE CORPORATION LONGTIME OPERATOR IN THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SINCE THE...
01:17:37
01:19:40
Unidentified Speaker
FOR THE UNITED STATES MARIJUANA PARTY. ERICSON:
I KNOW FOR A FACT FROM YEARS OF LITIGATION EXPERIENCE THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THERE IS SUCH A DISPARITY...
01:21:47
Unidentified Speaker
YOU. MR. SANDERS YORK NEXT COME INDEPENDENT SANDERS. SANDERS:
IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT FOR THE TIME WE HAVE TO ANSWER ALL THE ACCUSATIONS BUT...
01:23:51

NOTE: The transcript for this program was compiled from uncorrected Closed Captioning.