



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Gary C. Peters
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Peters:

I am writing to share details on the Department of the Air Force's plans for the future of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. These plans ensure Selfridge will play a critical and ongoing role for our national security, building on the base's storied past that dates back to World War I. Specifically, I would like to confirm the continuation of the 127th Wing's flying missions involving A-10 and KC-135 aircraft and place those missions within the broader context of our plans for the future of our fighter and tanker fleets.

The Air Force's future fighter force plan involves right-sizing the entire A-10 fleet to 218 aircraft and maintaining seven operational A-10 squadrons into the 2030s or beyond. Selfridge's 107th Fighter Squadron will retain all of its existing A-10s for the next decade while also modernizing those aircraft. Ten of the twenty-one A-10s at Selfridge have already received wing upgrades with the remaining eleven to be complete by FY26. Put simply, Selfridge's critical role as an A-10 base will continue.

There is also an enduring requirement for air refueling capability within the Air Force. The Selfridge KC-135s will remain an indispensable source of tanker capacity for our national security. The 171st Air Refueling Squadron will be part of the three hundred KC-135s the Air Force plans to keep. We intend to replace them with either the KC-46 or a future follow-on tanker aircraft. Selfridge's critical role as a base for KC-135s will continue.

Like you, we are proud of the men and women of Selfridge's 127th Wing. The Department of the Air Force is grateful for the continued support you and the community provide that enables the critical missions of this base. As we adapt our Air Force to meet current and future national security challenges, Selfridge will continue to play an essential role. We remain available to provide additional details on the Air Force's plans for Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. Roth", is positioned above the printed name.

John P. Roth
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