



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

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

Dear Senator Peters,

Thank you for your letter on December 3, 2025, following our productive discussions on the future of Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB), MI. This letter is meant to formally communicate the Department of the Air Force (DAF)'s commitment to station 21 F-15EX aircraft at Selfridge ANGB, as decided by the President of the United States earlier this year. This is an exciting time for Selfridge, the DAF, and the people of Michigan. Per the current production schedule, the DAF will deliver the first F-15EX aircraft to Selfridge before the end of FY28. The DAF will also continue to pursue the strategic basing action to recapitalize the eight KC-135s at Selfridge with eight KC-46A aircraft, programmed to start arriving in 2030.

In addition to the significant investment of advanced aircraft in Michigan, the DAF is also working to bring nearly \$985 million of facilities and infrastructure improvements to Selfridge ANGB. This investment represents a historic commitment of Military Construction (MILCON) and Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (FSRM) funding to a single Air National Guard (ANG) installation, at nearly four times the average annual ANG MILCON budget. Building upon the State's \$41 million commitment to relocate Rosso Highway, the DAF respectfully requests the State of Michigan's full funding support for the runway encroachment mitigation solution, currently estimated at \$152 million. This significant state investment allows completion of this important project on a timeline that is faster than the DAF can accomplish through our MILCON execution timelines and would alleviate having to displace the F-15EX or KC-46 aircraft after their arrival at Selfridge.

The DAF intends to fund the remaining \$792 million of facilities and infrastructure projects through our normal MILCON and FSRM programming process. To date, the DAF has initiated design and planning work on numerous facilities projects to include a \$218 million KC-46A dual bay hangar and a \$190 million F-15EX 8-bay maintenance complex. The DAF will bring those projects into the budget for full funding in subsequent budget years as we meet appropriate design milestones. The DAF is available to discuss the specifics of this process and timeline with you or your staff during the FY27 President's budget roll-out.

Thank you for your partnership and support of the Michigan Air National Guard. The DAF is committed to executing a generational investment in equipment and facilities in the state of Michigan, ensuring Selfridge remains a strategic asset for years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy E. Meink", is positioned above the printed name.

Troy E. Meink

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December 3, 2025

The Honorable Dr. Troy Meink  
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Dear Secretary Meink:

Thank you for meeting with us today. We appreciate your commitment to delivering F-15EXs to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in 2028. As discussed, Selfridge will receive both the F-15EXs and KC-46s, and Michigan is committed to advancing both missions.

During our meeting, you outlined the important role Selfridge plays in the future of the Air Force. You also shared the Air Force's commitment to base F-15EXs at Selfridge before the end of 2028 and KC-46 refueling tankers soon after. We also appreciate your prioritization of Selfridge's pilots for F-15EX training and support for robust military construction at Selfridge in the Fiscal Year 2027 Air Force Budget Request.

Following your commitments, Michigan stands ready to contribute significant capital to ensure the runway is prepared for aircraft operations. Our communities are engaged, supportive and eager to begin work on the runway extension project. Consistent with your commitment during our meeting, we look forward to the state receiving your formal, written confirmation of aircraft delivery and the Air Force's request for state investment so that Michigan can move forward with appropriating funds for this effort.

Thank you for recognizing Selfridge's long-term strategic value and its access to Michigan's expansive special use airspace, which is the largest joint training range east of the Mississippi River, encompassing more than 17,000 square miles of contiguous special use military airspace.

We appreciate the substantial military construction investments the Air Force will make to ensure Selfridge is positioned to train, maintain and operationalize both the F-15EX and KC-46 missions. We will continue to work closely with your office, the National Guard Bureau, the Air National Guard, and Selfridge leadership. We remain committed to supporting this effort in a strong, bipartisan manner.

Thank you again for your partnership and we respectfully request the formal notice of aircraft delivery and request for state investment at your earliest convenience so that the State of Michigan can support these critical missions.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters

United States Senator



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United States Senator