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Dr. Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Dr. Wilson,

We are writing you to adamantly oppose naming Boise, Idaho as a finalist for basing F35s at the Idaho Air National Guard (IDANG). Unlike the current political campaign that repeatedly suggests strong public support for this decision, there is significant and growing support to the contrary. Please see the attached recent petition, signatures and comments, along with the July 5 letter to our city officials.

Boise is just not a good fit given its proximity to private homes, schools, churches and businesses. Shoehorning military fighter jets into the existing infrastructure is fraught with environmental and economic downsides. We have been told that should Boise be named that the Air Force will conduct an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Given that you already did an EIS in 2012 (when F35 basing was considered) nothing material has changed for the better. What has changed is that residential homes are continuing to be built all around the proximity of increasing airport noise.

We hope you will find a more suitable mission for IDANG and location for F35 aircraft. Creating another time consuming and costly situation like Burlington, Vermont must be avoided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Citizens for a Livable Boise
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Enclosures (3): F35 Petition, Petition Signatures and Comments – CD, City of Boise 070517 Letter

