

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

Thursday, March 31, 2016

General Carlton D. Everhart, II  
Air Mobility Command  
Scott Air Force Base  
Illinois, 62225

Dear General Everhart,

We write to you regarding the two KC-135 air refueling tanker flight simulators that are currently scheduled for relocation. Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, located outside Columbus, Ohio, is home to the 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing and is a candidate to receive one of these simulators. As Members of Ohio's Congressional delegation, we write to express our support for Rickenbacker's candidacy.

The KC-135 community has the highest operational tempo in Air Mobility Command. As AMC responds to fulfill a growing set of operational requirements, simulator training is critical to maintaining readiness, and the number of simulator training events has increased over the past few years. However, crews must travel out of state to complete these training events because Rickenbacker does not currently have a flight simulator.

With 12 Primary Assigned Aircraft to the wing, the 121<sup>st</sup> ARW is larger than usual and has more crews that require training. A local simulator would increase efficiencies by placing it where the most crews can use it, which would reduce the time and costs associated with training personnel at off-site locations. Stationing the flight simulator at Rickenbacker would also complement the Boom Operator Simulator System, expanding the training capabilities available at the base and further enhancing Rickenbacker's reputation as a center of excellence in within Air Mobility Command and the Air National Guard. We understand that Rickenbacker already has a plan to accommodate the flight simulator within existing facilities.

We appreciate your consideration of these factors, as you evaluate possible locations for the KC-135 flight simulators and look forward to staying in touch on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman  
United States Senator

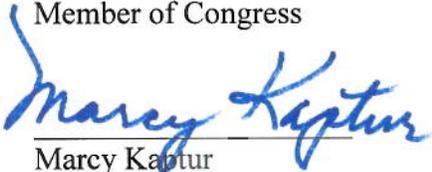


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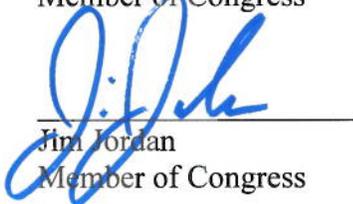
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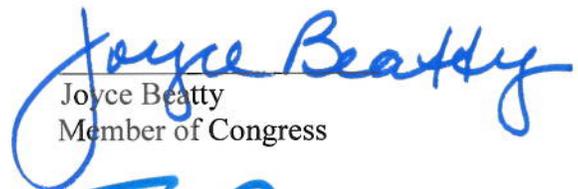
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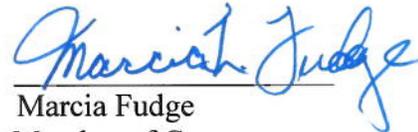
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