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City Council Resolution

Requesting that the US Air Force Replace the Current F-35 mission

October 7, 2024

WHEREAS, South Burlington values the women and men of the Vermont National Guard and acknowledges their tremendous contributions and service to our community, Vermont, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, on April 16th, 2018 the South Burlington City Council resolved to request the United States Air Force to cancel the basing of the F-35A at the Vermont Air National Guard Station in South Burlington, Vermont, and instead provide an aircraft mission that is compatible with a densely populated residential area—an aircraft that has a proven high safety record, and an aircraft whose noise will not result in any homes being categorized as unsuitable for residential use; and

WHEREAS, since the passing of that resolution there has been a reconfiguration of Vermont's Congressional Delegation, including one new member; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Congressional Delegation is aware of the facts of the F-35 basing process, and is aware of the harms being done to residents of the towns surrounding the Patrick Leahy Burlington International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Congressional Delegation is aware of their authority to request and urge the United States Air Force to replace the F-35 mission with a mission that is compatible with residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2024, the Burlington City Council passed a resolution, and on September 3, 2024, the Winooski City Council also passed a resolution, requesting the Vermont Congressional Delegation to contact the Secretary of the United States Air Force to request that the Air Force replace the current F-35 mission with a mission that causes no harmful noise to the people living around the airport, no substantively adverse economic impact to the airport or community, and a mission that is fully compatible with residential neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in support of the resolutions passed by Burlington and Winooski, the South Burlington City Council re-affirms the Councils' previous resolution passed on April 16th, 2018 and additionally requests that the Vermont Congressional Delegation contact the Secretary of the United States Air Force to request a replacement of the current F-35 mission with an air mission that causes no harmful noise to the people living around the airport, and is fully compatible with residential neighborhoods.



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Approved this 7th day of October 2024.

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