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Hon. John P. Roth  
Acting Secretary of the Air Force  
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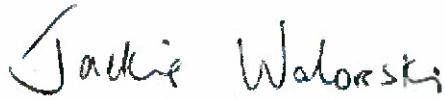
Dear Acting Secretary Roth:

As members of the Indiana Congressional delegation, we write to request that you give strong consideration to Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARB) as the fifth KC-46A Main Operating Base (MOB 5). As you know, Grissom ARB plays a vital role in the air refueling mission, which is critical to our national security. We are proud to have Grissom in our state and are committed to supporting the brave men and women of the Air Force Reserve who serve there. As you complete your enterprise-wide look at potential candidate bases for KC-46A MOB 5, a Reserve-led Active Association, we encourage you to consider the many unique advantages Grissom offers as a base for the new tanker.

In light of the metrics the Air Force has selected, Grissom ARB is an optimal facility to host the KC-46A. Grissom allows for superior mission effectiveness, with proximity to refueling tracks and airspace availability. The base boasts ample capacity to support additional aircraft, including hangar, runway, and ramp capacity, and is located in an exceptionally low-cost area with minimal environmental concerns. What sets Grissom apart is its impressive history of operations and maintenance excellence, which allows it to excel in its strategic mission supporting OPLAN 8010. In addition to a strategic location and new Type III fuel hydrant system compatible with the KC-46A, Grissom boasts one of the highest mission completion rates in the country. Further, thanks to strong local and state partnerships, exceptional employment and educational opportunities exist for military spouses as well as Active and Traditional Reserve Airmen in the area surrounding Grissom, where the quality of life and community support are second to none.

Grissom has much to offer the Air Force in terms of continued mission execution, cost savings, and a high-quality workforce, and we would like to invite you to visit the base to see these advantages firsthand. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations we respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration for basing the KC-46A at Grissom, which will leverage the advantages and skill sets of our Total Air Force to defend our nation anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,



Jackie Walorski  
Member of Congress



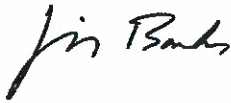
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