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Secretary James and General Welsh:

We, as the chair and military representative of the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force, write to express our strong support for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst ("the Joint Base") to be selected as the Air Force's choice for Main Operating Base 4 (MOB4). As Lieutenant Governor and Adjutant General of New Jersey, we stand united behind New Jersey as the ideal home for the new tanker.

The Joint Base is the ideal candidate for thirty-six KC-46s because of its strategic military value, existing assets and facilities, combat-proven track record, and excellent partnership opportunities. As the nation's only tri-service joint installation and host to Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve units, the Joint Base can fully exploit the KC-46's flexibility in both airlift and tanker missions with over 80 mission partners assisting in global mobility, aerial refueling, aerial port operations, technical training, contingency response, and installation support. Finally, our state offers service members and their families a world-class quality of life. To resolve any doubt, we respectfully request that you consider the attached fact sheet.

We strongly support the Joint Base for this mission and look forward to working with you during the decision-making process. Thank you for your strong consideration of our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno at (609) 575-8111.

Sincerely,

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Kim Guadagno
Lieutenant Governor

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Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

KC-46 Fact Sheet

The Joint Base's assets and facilities will enhance synergy and provide unparalleled capabilities as the Air Force's main tanker/airlift location and home to the KC-46. To resolve any doubt in your mind as you assess each installation, we respectfully request that you consider the following benefits the State of New Jersey, and the local surrounding communities, can provide as a home for the KC-46:

Existing Assets and Facilities: The Joint Base has a \$70 million premier tanker infrastructure campus that supports all the current tanker and airlift units. Since the Air Force will score each installation with the KC-46s as a replacement mission for the KC-10s, the current tanker facilities can seamlessly absorb the additional aircraft with minimal added infrastructure costs. The Joint Base has the available airspace, runway, and airfield assets described in your criteria, co-located with units operating the variety of aircraft needed for training missions.

Strategic Location and Mission: The Joint Base's geographical location and its role as Air Mobility Command's premier East Coast hub uniquely position it to perform both its tanker and strategic airlift missions. As the Air Refueling Receiver Demand Model demonstrates, the demand signal is higher in the northeast region than anywhere else in the country. The Joint Base is the key player in Air-Bridge operations to refuel fighter, cargo, and transport missions across the Atlantic to Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Southwest Asia. An indicator of the Joint Base's strategic location and key missions is the frequency with which Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center calls on the Joint Base: on any given day, roughly 50 percent of the Joint Base's possessed aircraft are dedicated to support Combatant Command missions.

Designating the Joint Base as MOB4 would provide additional synergies and bolster readiness requirements for all mobility units and air forces along the Eastern seaboard. The Joint Base now provides training for many East Coast units to ensure airlift, tanker, and fighter refueling needs are met.

Additionally, the Joint Base is only 30 minutes flying time from an additional Aerial Port at Dover Air Force Base. This proximity lowers Air Force operating costs by reducing flight time and lowering fuel costs.

Fuel Dispensing, Storage, and Receipt: The tanker unit on the Joint Base houses the most advanced fueling system available and is currently the only tanker unit with primary bulk fuel deliveries via secure pipeline, resulting in a safer and more reliable fuel supply. An added benefit is that this unique fueling system more easily supports surge operations for both tanker and airlift operations. The base also utilizes a mix of fuel hydrant pits and refueling trucks that enhance the ability of crew crews to rapidly refuel aircraft: the 305th aircraft ramps have 61% of their parking spots equipped with hydrants.

Cargo Capacity: We would also like to highlight the Joint Base's cargo capacity, as this was cited as one of the primary reasons that the Boeing 767 was selected as the Air Force's new tanker platform. The Joint Base has excelled as an Aerial Port and is more than capable of employing the KC-46's cargo capacity, as proven not only by its 20-year history conducting KC-10 and C-17 operations, but also its previous decades as host to three Active Duty squadrons of C-141s and three Associate squadrons as well.

Partnerships: In addition to the 305th and 514th – which own and operate KC-10s and C-17s – the Joint Base hosts the 614th Contingency Response Wing, the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Wing, and the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center. The KC-46, with its specialized aeromedical airlift capabilities, will similarly

complement the Joint Base's rewarding work as home to one of the highly-skilled five-person crews of the 514th needed for that mission. The 108th currently has 52 pilots with not only an excess of 228,700 military flying hours in the KC135R but also an impressive 69,300 hours in either the commercial 757/767 or the C32B, the military 757 equivalent.

Quality of Life: Residents of our state currently enjoy a quality of life that is among the best in the nation. In fact, Forbes ranked New Jersey at #4 for Quality of Life in its 2014 "Best States for Business." The Joint Base's existing facilities, family support services, and excellent public-private housing would be strong assets when absorbing this new mission—positively impacting the service members and their families who will execute it. The Joint Base successfully leveraged community support to allow school choice for children residing on either McGuire or Ft. Dix-proper and established concurrent jurisdiction agreements with county police.

Air Quality: The 305th Air Mobility Wing is located in Burlington County, New Jersey. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six air contaminants: Particulate Matter (PM), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Lead (Pb), and Ozone (O₃). EPA has determined Burlington County to be in compliance with all the NAAQS except Ozone.

Encroachment: We recognize that poorly planned development can limit the success of a military installation. Therefore, our Administration recommended that municipalities work with the installations on long-term, strategic planning and open communication to establish a plan for symbiotic land use and preserve open space near military installations. We made a point to open a dialogue between relevant towns and the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA). OPA worked closely with Wrightstown – located on the Joint Base's northern border – on the town's October 2013 Plan Endorsement to ensure only compatible development that provided useful amenities to the installation and its service members.