

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs  
3405 South 5th Street  
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona 85707

Re: Total Force Training Environmental Assessment

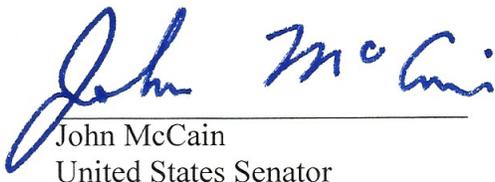
To whom it may concern:

We write regarding the revised Environmental Assessment (EA) for the update and implementation of the Total Force Training (TFT) mission at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB).

The proposed update of the year-round TFT mission is designed to provide the active, reserve, and guard units of the Air Force as well as foreign partner nations with the ability to better maintain readiness through the utilization of training availability in Arizona. The additional sorties included in the preferred alternative will provide opportunities for military pilot training that would otherwise not occur. We strongly agree with the Air Force's draft EA finding no significant impact on the quality of the surrounding environment from the proposed increase of annual training flights at DMAFB.

We commend the Air Force's commitment to providing for a strong and prepared national defense through the TFT program and their recognition of DMAFB's contribution to that end. Further, we ask that consideration of this comment be in strict accordance with Air Force regulations and ethical guidelines.

Sincerely,

  
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John McCain  
United States Senator

  
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Jeff Flake  
United States Senator