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September 17, 2019

The Honorable Matthew P. Donovan
Acting Secretary
United States Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
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Dear Acting Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to follow-up on my August 19, 2019 letter regarding the United States Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the F-35A mission at Truax Air National Guard Base. While I have not yet received a response to my previous questions, I continue to hear concerns about the noise impact of the F-35 at Truax. As I hear from more members of the community, it has been brought to my attention that the noise impact is difficult to assess due to the Air Force's use of the Day, Night, Average Sound Level (DNL) metric.

I formally request the Air Force in coordination with the 115th Fighter Wing test the F-35 flight pattern at Truax Air National Guard Base. Specifically, the Air Force should conduct a take-off and landing of the F-16 and the F-35 planes so community members will have a more accurate understanding of the noise impact from the F-35 mission. This test mission should be completed before the public comment period ends on September 27, 2019.

I look forward to working with you on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress