



July 26, 2012

Hon. Senator Patrick Leahy
Hon. Senator Bernie Sanders
Hon. Representative Peter Welch

Dear Senators Leahy and Sanders and Representative Welch:

I write at the direction of South Burlington City Council to respectfully request your assistance in obtaining two categories of information related to the Draft United States Air Force F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement and the Executive Summary of that document, as well as base scoring data.

First, we originally asked the Air Force and Air National Guard for GIS data points used to develop the noise contour maps so we could determine precisely where the noise contour data lines fall with respect to neighborhoods and individual property lines. After we made our request to Mr. Nicholas Germanos, he, in turn, responded by asking the City of South Burlington to provide its GIS data points so the Air Force could overlay that data onto the maps, presumably for the purpose of adding in property lines. Mr. Germanos also asked South Burlington to coordinate with other nearby communities so the Air Force had all the relevant local data points from those communities. I reached out to colleagues in the adjacent communities and it is my understanding that the relevant municipalities provided the data to the Air Force. Then, instead of providing us the revised/updated noise contour maps showing the data points, we were then told the Air Force would not release the new contour maps and instead the City would have to ask our Congressional delegation to ask the Air Force to release the contour maps to us. The purpose of this part of the letter is to make that request to you.

The maps (figures) we request are listed below. We ask they be provided to us in a size that will allow for accurate review – 36x48 inches to allow us to properly print (copy) them. Providing this information to us in digital format instead of hard copy would also be acceptable.

Draft United States Air Force F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement Volume I, March 2012 (also titled “Initial F-35A Operational Basing EIS, Draft, March 2012” in page footers):

- Figure BR3.2-1. Baseline Noise Conditions at Burlington AGS [page BR4-20]
- Figure BR3.2-2. ANR Scenario 1 Proposed Noise Contour Bands at Burlington AGS [page BR4-26]
- Figure BR3.2-3. ANR Scenario 2 Proposed Noise Contour Bands at Burlington AGS [page BR4-31]
- Figure BR3.10-1. Baseline Contours Compared to ANR Scenario 1 Contours over Land Use Map [page BR4-63]
- Figure BR3.10-2. Baseline Contours Compared to ANG Scenario 2 Contours over Land Use Map [page BR4-64]

- Figure BR3.10-3. Comparison of Part 150 Noise Study Contours to ANG Scenarios 1 and 2 over Land Use Map [page BR4-65]

Executive Summary United States Air Force F-35A Operational Basing Environmental Impact Statement, March 2012

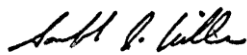
- Figure 6-2. Burlington AGS Comparison of Joint Land Use 2011 Noise Contours and Projected 65db DNL Noise Contours Under Both Scenarios [pages ES-10-11]

Alternatively, we would find it acceptable if the Air Force were to provide us their GIS data points so that we could create the maps ourselves by combining the Air Force data with our parcel data.

Second, we are seeking the scoring data the Air Force used to rank all Air Force and Air National Guard bases for the purpose of ranking bases to bed down the F-35A. We would like this information to properly compare the scoring here in Burlington with the scoring of other communities where F-35A basing is being considered.

Thanks you very much for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me at smiller@sburl.com or 802-846-4107 should you have any questions about these requests.

Sincerely,



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