

**Congress of the United States**

**Washington, DC 20515**

April 19, 2004

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
2120 Rayburn  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member  
House Armed Services Committee  
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Dear Chairman Hunter and Ranking Member Skelton:

As the House Armed Services Committee prepares the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 2005, we urge the committee to fully fund the President's Budget Request for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The Joint Strike Fighter program is critical to our nations' and our allies' future war-fighting capability.

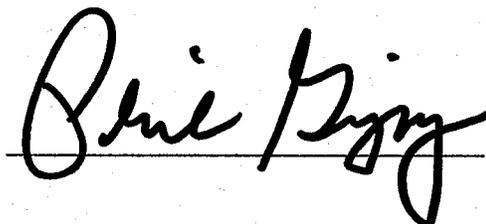
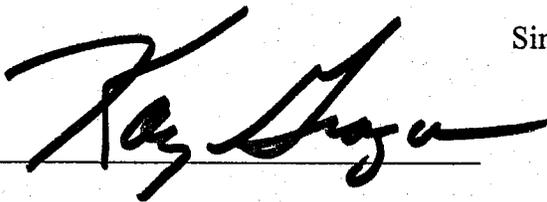
In its third year of development, the Joint Strike Fighter Program has made significant progress and is meeting the development challenges that have arisen. The focus remains to be achieving the program vision of affordability, lethality, survivability, supportability, and interoperability.

The impending expiration of current aircraft service life requires that our armed forces procure significant numbers of fighter aircraft to maintain our force structure and pre-eminence in multi-role tactical aviation. The Joint Strike Fighter provides the only viable, affordable, and transformational solution. This program will help insure our military's air superiority for the next half of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Not only is the Joint Strike Fighter an affordable solution, it will create a truly global and highly effective fighter force. With the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps flying variations of the Joint Strike Fighter, we will be able to train and fight at a more "JOINT" level than ever before. Our armed forces will also be able to train and fight more cooperatively with many of our strongest allies that will be flying the Joint Strike Fighter

Again, we strongly support the President's Budget Request for fiscal year 2005 for the Joint Strike Fighter. This program will help guarantee American air superiority and our position as the leading fighter aircraft producer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,



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