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Gentlemen:

We understand that the Pacific Air Force's Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) report regarding the proposed transfer of the F-16 Aggressor Squadron from Eielson Air Force Base to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson has been completed. We appreciate that you plan to brief congressional delegation staff on the findings of this important study this Thursday.

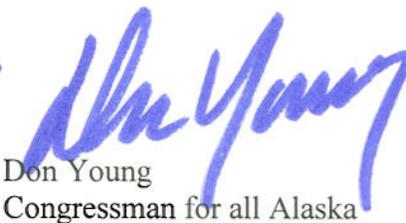
Last week when it became apparent that the SATAF findings would soon be publicly released our staffs inquired whether the Air Force plans to brief Interior Alaska community leaders on the findings and to answer their questions. We were dismayed to learn that there was no immediate plan to do so. This was quite disappointing in light of the fact that Brigadier General Mark McLeod indicated that the Air Force would share its findings with the community after the SATAF report is completed. We write to encourage the Air Force to schedule a briefing with community leaders simultaneously with the release, or as soon as possible thereafter. We would hope Governor Sean Parnell's Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team (AMFAST) could also be briefed on the SATAF findings at the earliest convenience.

We appreciate your attention to our views and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,


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