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Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP: Lockheed Martin's F-35 Information

Wendy, thanks very much for this information. I will make sure the Lieutenant Governor is briefed on this important issue.

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From: Wendy Homeyer
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:22 AM
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Good Morning, Dr. Varat,

Thank you for meeting with me regarding the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter program. Per your request, below and attached is additional information on the program.

The F-35 Program is IMPORTANT for South Carolina's military bases.

- South Carolina has a strong and continuing legacy of supporting national defense initiatives and is home to numerous military bases.
- Marine Corps Air Station (Beaufort) is the first East Coast Marine Corps Air Stations in the U.S. to be home to an F-35B squadron, with more squadrons expected in the future. Pilots from the U.S., the United Kingdom and Italy will come to Beaufort to train.
- McEntire Joint National Guard Base and Shaw Air Force Base are potential future locations for F-35As.
- Investing in the technological superiority of our military is a fitting honor to the millions of citizens of South Carolina and the United States who have served our nation by protecting our freedom through military service

The F-35 has a tremendous impact on jobs and the economy of South Carolina.

- Lockheed Martin, the premier military aircraft manufacturer in the world and manufacturer of the F-35, operates a facility in Greenville, employing more than 480 people.
- Lockheed Martin's business operations also generate opportunities for South Carolina aviation suppliers including seven companies that supply components for the F-35.
- The F-35 has created 350 direct and indirect jobs in South Carolina and produced a total economic impact of \$29.6 million (as of 2016).
- In early 2016, Lockheed Martin chose its Greenville location for assembling the T-50A Advanced Training aircraft, which would train fighter pilots to fly the F-35, if awarded a contract for that aircraft. (Contract will be announced in 2017).

Again, I appreciate your interest the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter program. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Wendy

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