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February 17, 2014

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress, Floor 11
Tucson, AZ 85701-1317

Subject: Roadway establishment Proceeding No. 3018 Regarding the Relocation of Hughes Access Road and the Development of the Aerospace Parkway

Chair Sharon Bronson and Board of Supervisors,

This letter is on behalf of the DM50 comprised of over 100 Business and Civic leaders in Pima County. While we focus primarily on supporting the mission and Airmen of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, we are also supportive of any community action that fosters the overall betterment of the military and defense industry in Pima County. Therefore, we are highly supportive of the establishment and relocation of Hughes access Road and the initiation of the Aerospace Parkway.

Relocation of Hughes Access Road is critical to the continued presence and expansion of Raytheon. It also factors into the future expansion and enhancement of Tucson International Airport, the preservation and protection of the pilot training mission of the 162nd Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard, and the intermodal rail inland port at the Port of Tucson. These important facilities are a significant foundation of the overall local economy. The community needs to take this logical step to protect that foundation.

For these reasons, the DM50 urges you to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2014-17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Grassinger', written over a white background.

Michael J. Grassinger, President
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