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The Honorable Candice Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Miller:

Thank you for the opportunity to further clarify my letter dated 9 Jul in regards to the A-10 transfers from the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. I want to highlight these transfers are separate from the FY13 Presidential Budget which proposes removal of 21 A-10 aircraft from Selfridge. My 9 Jul letter attempted to clarify the scheduled transfer of five Backup Aircraft Inventory (BAI) A-10s to four other ANG bases. These FY10 budget transfers were scheduled to occur in FY13. As I mentioned in the 9 Jul letter, per the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Air Force will suspend aircraft transfers and retirements previously scheduled for implementation in FY12 until Congress completes action on the FY13 defense authorization and defense appropriations bills. This includes the initiation of actions for transfer of the BAI aircraft from Selfridge.

BAI aircraft act as a buffer for Primary Aircraft Assigned (PAA) that are in maintenance or depot status to ensure each unit can continue to fly their normal flying rates and have sufficient aircraft available for contingency or wartime tasking. Unit manning and flying hour funding are based on PAA. The number of PAA A-10s based at the 127th Wing is not changing, so manning and funding will not be affected. Transferring these five aircraft from Selfridge to the four other locations adjusts the fleet to ensure all five units possess a healthy and viable A-10 fleet, and is a solution coordinated with the National Guard Bureau.

I appreciate your continued support of the Air Force and look forward to working together to ensure our Airmen are resourced to meet the requirements of the new Department of Defense Strategic Guidance. A copy of this letter will be sent to

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tod D. Wolters".

TOD D. WOLTERS
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison