

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2026

The Honorable Michael J. Borders
Assistant Secretary
United States Air Force
1665 AF Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Assistant Secretary Borders,

We write in strong support of Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, as the basing location for Air Force Reserve Command's (AFRC) new 33rd Combat Communications Squadron.

Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station is the right operational fit for AFRC's new squadron. Co-location with AFRC's 911th Airlift Wing and its C-17 airlift mission would allow communications forces and airlift crews to train, load, and deploy together as a unified capability. Pittsburgh's central location also provides direct access to the Northeast, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic, with natural protection from severe coastal weather events that threaten readiness. Together, these factors create an ideal environment for a rapidly deployable communications unit whose mission depends on operational readiness and reliability.

The region also brings unmatched workforce depth. Western Pennsylvania has a proud history of military service and offers one of the nation's strongest concentrations of technical talent. AFRC stands to gain from further collaboration with organizations advancing the future of military technology. Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and a dense ecosystem of cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and robotics companies stand ready to partner directly with AFRC – reducing acquisition costs and timelines through co-development, and positioning the command at the leading edge as communications technology rapidly evolves.

Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station offers the operational foundation, talent pipeline, innovation partnerships and strategic positioning the 33rd Combat Communication Squadron needs. Thank you for your service to this country and for giving this letter your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations.

Very respectfully,



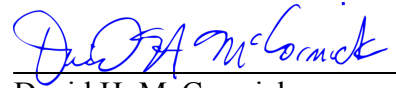
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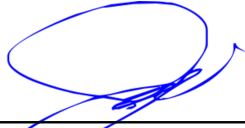
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