

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 17, 2012

The Honorable Michael B. Donley
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Secretary Donley:

We write to you regarding the KC-10 Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) program, which is budgeted and programmed over the next three fiscal years. We are pleased to see that the Air Force budget supporting documentation recognizes a projected service life of 2045 for KC-10 aircraft and makes investments in required modifications.

The KC-10 CNS/ATM program is of particular interest to our communities given the presence of 27 KC-10 aircraft at Travis Air Force Base. We would ask that you consider performing the modifications and upgrades at Travis AFB; rather than sending the aircraft to a depot. There is recent precedence for this with the very successful Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) upgrades to the C-5, which were conducted on the ramp at Travis AFB.

Our communities stand ready to support any contractors and military personnel required to perform the CNS/ATM modifications, and keeping the aircraft at Travis AFB could benefit the Air Force, installation, and airmen by limiting the amount of time the aircraft are out of service. There is also potential for cost savings by performing modification work at Travis AFB, as expenses associated with relocating the aircraft would not be incurred. Thank you for your consideration of this request, your past support of Travis AFB, and for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,



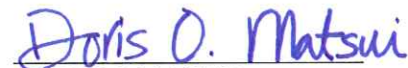
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