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F-35 = Lockheed Martin not National Guard or We the People **By Jeffrey Haslett**

In other words, Lockheed Martin and its' F-35 represents the interests of the military-industrial complex [that President Eisenhower warned us about] and not the patriotic interests of those who serve and sacrifice for the USA. Lockheed Martin, just like Wall Street, is only interested in profits and power; they do not serve the core values of our Constitution or the causes of freedom and liberty that our democratic Republic has now lost. The coup of the money-powered interests has already taken over the Republic of American. The real issues are: are you for corporatism or capitalism, are you for imperialism or democracy, are you for privatization or free enterprise, are you for prosperity for the few elites or for prosperity for the many, are you for meg-empire cartels or for small businesses, are you for a government of the corporations for the corporations or for a government of the people by the people.

For those government officials and citizens supporting the basing of the F-35 here, they should then also support the following resolutions to ensure that the full costs of basing the F-35 are borne by the Federal, State and local municipalities [not those citizens effected]. Patriots for the F-35 show your real support by passing resolutions that make the governments accountable and responsible for all the risks and associated costs of bring the F-35 to the Burlington Airport:

1. Homeowner's Value Resolution – pass a resolution to guarantee full compensate [paid for from the municipalities' budgets for all costs, not paid for by the Federal government] for homeowners displaced by the F-35 to include: 150% of market price at highest of any past values [the 50% is a premium for compensation of lose of home and time required to relocate]; full compensation for all moving expenses; all expenses for reconstruction of any special requirements for disability facilities; all real estate closing costs and all financial costs [like higher mortgage rates] resulting from the F-35 coming to the Burlington Airport. History documents that 'We the People' are never made financial whole by government created loses [while Wall Street and the mega-bankers were not only made whole, but were assisted by your tax dollars so they could make even more profits then before the systemic crash that they created].

2. Tax Revenue Lost Resolution – pass a resolution to ensure that all decreases in tax revenues will not be shifted to remaining property owners, but instead all lost tax revenues will be offset by reducing the annual expenditures of municipal governments [thereby permanently reducing the services that those municipalities provide to all of their citizens].
3. Liability for Damage Resolution – pass a resolution to both cover and insurance for any property damage, any injury, or any loss of life resulting from a crash or accident of an F-35 at the Burlington Airport [to be paid for by either Federal, State and/or local government]. In addition, all medical costs for any and all personal physical health expenses incurred by any citizens exposed to the effects of the F-35 will also be fully insured and/or paid for by the above governments.

All elected municipal legislators and chief executives of local municipal governments that support the basing of the F-35 at the Burlington Airport need to understand that if they do not support and pass the above resolutions then they are really not for F-35, because they are not willing to accept responsibility for funding the fully-loaded costs of basing the F-35. Therefore, they are being hypocritical by supporting the F-35 while asking effected homeowners and effected residences to bear a financial burden that they are not willing to pay for the F-35. Thereby they are the kind of patriots that want others to pay for their patriotism.

For those that claim to be patriots in support of the F-35, patriotism supports our military personal and 'We the People'; not the military-industrial complex as represent by Lockheed Martin. Lockheed Martin's profiteering is not patriotic, those politicians that take Lockheed Martin's lobbying payoffs are not patriotic, and Lockheed Martin's very profitable costs overruns supported by a corrupted political system are not patriotic.

True patriots should not support the F-35, just like true patriots did not support the Humvees without armor that resulted in the unnecessary death of hundreds of soldiers in Iraq. Profits over soldiers is the game and profits over people is the game. All costs for basing the F-35 anywhere should be paid for by all 'We the People' without any unshared costs being borne by just a few in the condemned Air Force areas. If not, you are not for the F-35 and should withdraw your support and vote for the patriotic use of your tax dollars.