

To: Senate Government Operations Committee

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RE: S.R.5, Senate Resolution strongly opposing the basing of any nuclear weapon delivery system in the State of Vermont

Thank you very much for holding a hearing on S.R.5 which opposes the basing of nuclear weapons delivery systems in Vermont. Unfortunately, I cannot be present at the hearing to voice my strong support for S.R.5 and my *strong objections* to the basing of nuclear weapons delivery systems in Vermont.

As an Earth Community Advocate, I see us as members of the inter-related, inter-connected community of life. But we humans are persisting in very dangerous experiments on this Community of Life upon which we depend for our lives.

Even before F35s begin to carry nuclear weapons, they are dangerous for our community because

1. their noise levels in daily operation will harm children's hearing and learning ability; (1)
2. F35s have not been proven safe to fly:
 - a. they will arrive in Chittenden County while still in development and under testing, increasing profound risks to our community; (2)
 - b. an F-35 crashed off the coast of Japan in April, cause unknown; (3)
 - c. F35 oxygen delivery systems for pilots are not yet reliable, have caused mental impairment and could cause pilot death and crash of the plane.(4)

I find it deeply troubling that our Congressional delegates and Vermont's government officials have promoted the basing of dangerous, inadequately tested nuclear delivery systems in our midst!

Please vote this resolution out of your committee with positive recommendation for the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
Sylvia Knight

References:

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