

The Burlington City Council Must Act Now to Stop the F-35 Basing at Its Airport

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In the coming weeks, residents, experts, and public officials will present the Burlington City Council with factual evidence and background on these and other issues to demonstrate the urgent need for Burlington to prevent the F-35 warplane basing. The clock is ticking toward an unconscionable basing decision by the Air Force. The time to act is now.

10 reasons Burlington must stop the F-35 basing

1. The F-35 Will Damage Family Health: 1500 kids at risk for cognitive and health impairment
2. F-35 Basing is Unjust: the homes of 8,000 working class and moderate income people will be "not suitable for residential use"
3. The F-35 Warplane Will Not Defend Us: Makes the world more violent and dangerous
4. The F-35 Basing is a Racial Injustice: New Americans and people of color disproportionately harmed
5. Priorities? F-35 current projected cost: \$1.5 trillion. U.S. student debt: \$1 trillion
6. Not the Choice for Jobs: \$1.5 trillion in tax dollars spent on clean energy, health care, and education would create 9 to 12 million more jobs
7. Liability and Loss of Home Value: Hardship for homeowners, and City of Burlington potentially liable for tens of millions of dollars
8. Noise Mitigation is a Lie: "Land acquisition and relocation is the only alternative that would eliminate the residential incompatibility" –Federal Aviation Administration)
9. Climate Change: F-35 protects the status quo: We need sustainable development policies not a bigger military economy
10. Leadership ≠ representing the Congressional-Military-Industrial-Real Estate complex, and ≠ deciding BEFORE being INFORMED

*Also, Crash Risk: The F-35 is 236 times more likely to crash than the F-16: the F-16 is 180 times more likely to crash than commercial jets. 1400 families live in the designated crash zones in Winooski, Colchester, and Williston

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