

Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce: Calls council vote on F-35A opposition “tone-deaf”

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MADISON – Early this morning, the Madison Common Council voted to oppose the basing of the next-generation F-35A jet at Madison’s Truax Field. In response to the vote, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce President Zach Brandon released the following statement:

“In the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak, we are all assessing what is essential – every person, every business, every government. Regardless of how one feels about basing the F-35A in Madison, no reasonable person would argue that it is essential to debate and vote on this resolution during an economic and public health crisis, more than 150 days after the public comment period ended and more than six months after the Council already took an official position on this issue.

“We need our National Guard more than ever. We need jobs more than ever. We need economic investment more than ever. At a time when we look to our local leaders to unite us, a few alders chose to divide us and send a tone-deaf message that distracts from the truly urgent priorities facing our community.”