Rep. Taylor Leads Delegation to Vermont in Pursuit of Facts on F-35 Program

The U.S. Air Force has begun basing F-35 jets in Burlington, VT despite public outcry

MADISON—Today, Representative Chris Taylor (D-Madison) embarked on an information-gathering trip to Burlington, Vermont in order to see firsthand how their community is being impacted by basing of their first F-35 fighter jets. In Burlington, she will be joined by Madison Alder Rebecca Kemble, Community Advocate and Activist Brandi Grayson, and other local community members.

Rep. Taylor issued the following statement:

“Unfortunately, the U.S. Air Force has not responded as of yet to my requests for more information on the proposal to base F-35s in our community, has failed to provide our community with an adequate Environmental Impact Statement, and they have denied Congressman Pocan’s request to do a side-by-side noise comparison of the F-16 and F-35 jets. So I am left no choice but to go to Burlington to see firsthand how their community is being impacted by these jets. I hope to gain a better understanding of how the people of Burlington organized against the F-35s during the decision-making process, how the community is responding now that some of the jets have been based, and how these jets are impacting the most vulnerable communities of Burlington.”