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Arizona House of Representatives

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## State Representative David Cook Supports Air Force Proposal for New Special Operations Command Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representative David Cook sent a letter today expressing support for the recent proposed action by the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) to proceed with changing the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) into a new unit called the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Power Projection Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson.

**“The State of Arizona values its partnership with the vital Air Force units stationed here,”** Representative Cook wrote. **“We greatly appreciate their contribution to maintaining a strong national defense. Arizona is ready and willing to help assist with the proposed realignment, which we believe will sustain and improve military readiness.”**

**“Arizona knows well the national security threats both far and near. Our state is suffering an unprecedented surge of illegal activity at our southern border that threatens the safety and security of Arizonans and all Americans. Human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs like fentanyl are creating crises that provide daily reminders to state lawmakers of the importance of a robust and credible military.”**

Representative Cook’s full letter is attached.

*David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. He is Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the House International Trade Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @RepDavidCook.*

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## Arizona House of Representatives Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Mr. Nicolas Post, AFCEC/CIEE  
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Dear Mr. Post,

I am writing in support of the recent proposed action by the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) to proceed with changing the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) into a new unit called the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Power Projection Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

As a member of the Arizona State Legislature, I want to reinforce the State of Arizona's commitment to a successful transition and installation of a new AFSOC Wing. Arizona has a long history of successful base transitions, such as the F-35 fighter wings at Luke Air Force Base and Marine Corp Air Station Yuma. We understand the importance of the environmental impact study and are committed to a successful process.

The State of Arizona values its partnership with the vital Air Force units stationed here. We greatly appreciate their contribution to maintaining a strong national defense. Arizona is ready and willing to help assist with the proposed realignment, which we believe will sustain and improve military readiness.

Arizona knows well the national security threats both far and near. Our state is suffering an unprecedented surge of illegal activity at our southern border that threatens the safety and security of Arizonans and all Americans. Human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs like fentanyl are creating crises that provide daily reminders to state lawmakers of the importance of a robust and credible military.

I encourage the DAF to proceed with this proposed action to bolster our military footprint in Arizona.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance at my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Cook".

The Honorable David Cook  
Arizona House of Representatives, LD 7  
House Transportation Committee Chair  
House International Trade Chair