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**Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers Updates the Public on Efforts to Base the Next Generation of Air Refueling Tankers at Fairchild Air Force Base**

(Spokane, WA) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, leaders from Greater Spokane Incorporated and Spokane County leaders updated the public on efforts to host the next generation of air refueling tankers, the KC-X, at Fairchild Air Force Base.

A delegation including the Congresswoman, representatives from GSI, and Spokane City and Spokane County leaders met with General Arthur Licthe, Commander, Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

“General Lichte underscored how important Fairchild Air Force Base is to the Air Force and to the security of the United States,” Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers says.

“Fairchild Air Force Base is critical to the Air Force’s Global Reach capability, and will continue to be for a very long time. Strengthening and expanding the role of Fairchild Air Force Base is one of my top priorities. We need to continue what we’ve been doing as a community to make it easy for the Air Force to decide to locate the KC-X tankers here.”

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