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Dear Mr. Hargis and Mr. Panerio:

As Castelion Corporation considers expanding its domestic manufacturing and testing, I write today to ask for Arizona's consideration as a possible site for expansion. Arizona is a national hub for the aerospace and defense (A&D) industry, and Arizona's economic development community has demonstrated success working with manufacturers to facilitate greenfield expansions, making our state a strong contender for future manufacturing growth.

Ranked the fourth-highest concentration of aerospace manufacturing jobs in the nation, Arizona is home to more than 1,200 A&D companies, including major industry players such as Boeing, General Dynamics, Honeywell Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon Missile Systems, and the hundreds of small and mid-sized suppliers they support. Together, these companies significantly impact Arizona's overall economy and employ more than 62,000 people directly. Arizona's strong military presence is vital to the state's private A&D industry, with six major military installations and four National Guard operations across the state. As the home to industry giants leading in A&D testing and development and strategic military installations, Arizona offers access to a strong and unique A&D ecosystem.

Arizona's world-class universities and community colleges are powering the state's continued growth in the A&D industry and are prepared to work with industry partners to meet workforce needs. The proposed site for Castelion's expansion in Tucson is home to the University of Arizona. With a total undergraduate enrollment of over 2,600, the University's College of Engineering houses aerospace programs that specialize in designing and developing technology for defense systems. The University is ranked number one in astronomy and astrophysics expenditures at more than \$123 million. Additionally, located in northern Arizona, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is one of the only fully accredited, aviation-oriented universities in the world. With a total undergraduate enrollment of 3,154, the university ranks first in the country for its aerospace-aeronautical-astronautical engineering program at schools where no doctorate is offered.

Arizona has also proven to be an attractive market for major manufacturing expansions in recent years, with billion-dollar expansions being announced by TSMC, Intel, Amkor, LG Energy Solutions, Lucid, American Battery Factory, and more. Arizona's business-friendly climate, workforce development pipeline, one of the best construction labor pools in the country, and a shared commitment among federal, state, and local leaders to regional economic growth has led many companies to find success in Arizona.

As you continue your site selection process, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the many opportunities offered by Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Kelly" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Kelly  
United States Senator