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Dear STARBASE Supporters:

Thank you for the support of the STARBASE program, providing our students 25-hours of lessons and activities on campus at Barksdale Air Force Base. DoD STARBASE Louisiana, now in our 20th year, has provided this valuable program to the children in our community addressing the critical need for a highly educated and well-prepared STEM workforce. Over 30,000 students have completed challenging 5-day sessions in the fifth grade or year-long competition projects in middle and high school allowing first-hand investigations and applications in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. **STARBASE needs your help in order to continue!**

I am sure you are concerned citizen interested in our nation's future, and I trust you have seen the value of the STARBASE program. **The taxpayer's investment is small, but the benefit is immense.** As the 21st century labor market requires solid STEM knowledge and skills, STARBASE is helping to motivate and prepare students for this future. The Department of Defense is the largest STEM employer in the country and private industries that support our defense are among the top employers. For our nation's security, it is in our best interest to help effectively prepare our workforce.

Currently, STARBASE funding for future years is not secure. **We are asking that participating teachers, principals, and parents and other supporters write support letters and testimonials to our United States Senators and Congressmen to voice your support for sustained funding, and to keep them aware of its value to their students and the community.** The collective voice of their constituency may help secure our future. A phone call or direct email to their public website is the most efficient way to ensure they receive your comments.

Senator Bill Cassidy: (225) 929-7711 <https://www.cassidy.senate.gov/contact>
Senator John Kennedy: (202) 224-4623 <http://www.kennedy.senate.gov/contact>
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As a premier educational organization, the nationally recognized STARBASE Louisiana program at Barksdale Air Force Base plans to continue to provide inspiring STEM content and research-driven curriculum, and serve as a training model in the educational arena. **Please help us protect this important resource for your children and for the future of our community.**

It was our sincere pleasure to work with your children. We sincerely appreciate your continued participation and support of our program.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brandon,

STARBASE Louisiana Executive Co- Directors

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