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## Sen. Brown to visit 180th Fighter Wing Tuesday in Toledo

COLUMBUS, Ohio – U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, will visit the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing Tuesday in Swanton, Ohio. Brown will be joined by Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenurst, Ohio adjutant general, other Ohio National Guard senior leaders and Col. Craig Baker, who recently took over command of the 180th Fighter Wing.

The Toledo Air National Guard Base, located at the Toledo Express Airport, was recently designated an "Active Associated Unit," the first in the history of the Ohio National Guard. While the base has already generated more than \$110 million into the economy in the last year, this new designation will also lower military personnel costs and produce a more ready, capable force. In addition, the 180th Fighter Wing is home to the largest solar field in the state, and the largest on any National Guard base in the country, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

### **MEDIA AVAILABILITY/NEWSROOM NOTE:**

The media availability with Sen. Brown and Ohio National Guard leadership is scheduled for 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the 180th Fighter Wing, located at 2660 South Eber Road, in Swanton.

News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time for the media availability, to allow time to get through security. Media members should park in the lot next to the base hangar, on the west side. Media will then be escorted inside the hangar.

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