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Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base is considered one of the premier units in the Air National Guard and the Air Force with a reputation for operational excellence, pride, efficiency, innovation, and community support. It features a new squadron flying operations and a modern weapons system simulator facility capable of housing KC-46 simulators.

Rickenbacker is a strategic aerial port with two 12,000-foot runways as well as ramps and taxiways that are designed for heavy aircraft like the KC-46. It is geographically located within close proximity to Department of Defense (DoD) customers and has a new facility near the base for passenger and cargo transportation that could accommodate future needs of the DoD. Ohio also has a very low risk for natural disasters and weather issues in comparison to other candidate sites.

What truly makes the 121<sup>st</sup> Wing a great candidate for the KC-46 is its experienced and dedicated personnel. The 121<sup>st</sup> flew 126% of programmed flying hours and has overall wing manning at 109%, placing the 121<sup>st</sup> in 4 out of 90 Air National Guard Wings and 2 out of 16 among KC-35 wings. These men and women are dedicated to continuing this record of outstanding service to the nation, state, and community, and they are ready to receive the KC-46s.

This resolution positions the 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing and Rickenbacker for a high-value mission and strengthens Ohio's role in national defense. Thank you for your time. We are happy to answer any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haraz N. Ghanbari", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Member of the Ohio House of Representatives