



To Whom It May Concern:

Cannon AFB is a pride and joy for many people in its area. It is a home to men and women who serve our great country and keep us safe. The community takes great pride in having such a base located in its area and to live among these people. These aren't the only reason why I love Cannon, but it has made it possible to call Portales, New Mexico my home.

My father joined the Air Force over twenty years ago and was stationed to Cannon after basic training. I was born on Cannon and so was my sister. When I was only two, my father got stationed to England. After three years he chose to go back to Cannon. I began school here and made many great friends who were and weren't in the military. The community was nice and safe and provided support for my mom and dad who were originally from Nebraska. I went to school in Portales, New Mexico until 5th grade. After that we were stationed to Aviano, Italy . While in Italy, we saw and visited great locations and experienced the Italian culture. When our time was up, my dad requested that we come back to Cannon. He had to put up with a little struggle, but somehow he managed to bring us back here.

The reason my dad loves this place so much is because Cannon is such a great place and the community around it is so exceptional and safe. It is the best place for any kid to grow up. I am now eighteen years old and I have figured out why my dad loves this place. He could have chosen to go anywhere else or to move back home to Nebraska , but he has grown to love this place and he wouldn't choose any other place to call home. My dad has decided to retire here in New Mexico. My dad is glad he joined the military and was stationed in Cannon. He feels that this is the best place to raise a family and live for the rest of his life.

Cannon is such an awesome place if it can impact my dad like this. It surprised us all that Cannon was on the list of bases to get rid of. A wonderful base like Cannon should never cease to exist. So many people call it home and you can't take that away from the community and you can't take the nation's homes away from there men.

Let Cannon stay,
Natasha Johnson