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Brac commission

2521 South Clark Street - Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202

Dear members of the BRAC commission,

The Cannon air force base in the Clovis-Portales area is vital to our economic and business development in this area. If this base was closed it would affect many things in a drastic way, for instance the base employs many people and educated engineers and fields as well. If Cannon was closed it would affect other vital military centers around New Mexico, as in Sandia Labs, White Sands missile range, Melrose bombing range, etc... Closing this base would also drastically effect the efforts in Iraq, considering that twenty seven percent of the aircrafts there are from Cannon. The improvements in Cannon have been drastic also, just a year ago

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the Government put millions of dollars into Cannon to greatly improve the base. So after giving Cannon money to make wonderful improvements and hire more workers, them being a vital point in Iraq, and it being a great economic aspect to our community, I just ask please keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,

D.J. Lopez-Cannon Supporter
Student at P.H.S.