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BRAC Commission
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Dear member of the BRAC commission:

I am writing in regards of the of the Cannon closer. If Cannon is close it will affect the Clovis/Portales vicinity. Clovis/Portales in the past year has undergone a major change. We are starting to get new businnesses, more houses are being built, and more tourists are starting to come. Now that the BRAC list has been posted and Cannon is on it to close. Bussinneses and housing has come to a halt until they know if Cannon will stay open. So our economy has slowed down a lot. Clovis/Portales just got a new cheese plant built. That will bring some jobs. But, if the base closes then a lot of people will lose jobs. Some bussinness will close. Also, a lot of my friends will move. Clovis/Portales offers a lot for Cannon. We have the Melrose Bombing Range Our airspace for the planes is a lot. There is a lot of room for Cannon to room and grow to a larger size. New Mexico's Military Bases are a major factor to the United States safety. Los Alamos Labs built the atomic bomb which changes the history of the world forever. We have White Sands Missile Range. New Mexico has a lot of empty space for our militaries. So I would like you to consider keeping Cannon open.

Sincerely,
Justin Jones.