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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I'm sure you have heard many arguments for the continuation of the operation of Cannon Air Force Base. One compelling reason that has been amplified is the fact that Cannon has been such a strong and integral part of Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. Another just as compelling reason is that many non-military citizens are exposed to personnel of Cannon and become, at the very least, acquaintances and become aware that those fellows are good, decent individuals. In fact, in many cases, Cannon personnel exemplify many high standards and become valuable members of the communities. We've had many of the departments of Cannon contract with the company I am employed with and have been great co-workers.

I make that point because as you know it is extremely important that the military have the support from its citizens, especially at the time of war. No doubt this support would not be as strong as it is in this vast area. This support is not only cultivated by those of us who live here, but also those who lived here before and friends and relatives that live in all parts of the country. You've heard how this bond has been developed; but also, a substantial amount of good will has just happened by the intersection between the base's people with those in the communities. My father was stationed here and I became somewhat of a rebel of conventional ways (despite his efforts), even with my dad in the Air Force and now with the presence of CAFB, I then and certainly now, am much more supportive of the Air Force specifically, and our military in general, due to this contact.

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What I have read, have seen on TV and have heard from the pilots, other Air Force personnel, dependents and others, is that Cannon Air Force Base is one of the most supported and capable bases for our country's military. As you are aware, a number of former Air Force personnel retire here. Yes, it's good for our economy; but, what it also says is that they felt so comfortable, so supported, so cared for that they knew they could concentrate on their mission that we could do whatever they needed to help them and their families with crisis situations and other needs.

No one knows what our future threats will be. What is the smart move to make is to hold on to situations where there is stability, function ability and success. In the situation with CAFB, you should know and Cannon personnel know, they can react to the emergencies and that Clovis and other community citizens will take care of their loved ones.

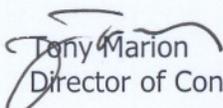
Cannon personnel will be prepared for required warfare. They will have the practice time due to the accommodating weather, non-problem with encroachment, the super-sonic flying time and again, the knowledge they will have whatever back-up from us.

CAFB has to be one of, if not the best bases regarding the support and assistance to persons with disabilities. Cannon employs close to 70 people with disabilities (not including others in the civilian work force) at the dining hall, commissary and switchboard contracts. What has this to do with military readiness and responses? Again, the goodwill and support generated by Cannon with the public, including people with disabilities, can only help with any efforts taken. Additionally, ENMRSH and its employees on a number of occasions, have stepped in for the cooking at the dining hall and other duties when Cannon personnel were deployed for warfare, exercises and other missions. These efforts are most likely somewhat unique to Cannon and just have to be vital for the Air Force.

It is no doubt obvious that I do not have the knowledge that your commission and others have regarding our current and possible threats, the operations of our military and how our base works. However, I feel strongly that I and others would be hard to convince that it makes sense to close bases in war time (we all have learned that no one can predict what will happen in Iraq and Afghanistan, possible Pakistan) and if we are going to close bases in Europe.

Thank you for your consideration and I wish you the best in your difficult deliberations and decision making.

Sincerely,


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