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Dear BRAC Committee,

First of all I would like to introduce myself, I am Dina Sellers and I am a proud citizen of Clovis NM, the Land Of Enchantment. I am sure Clovis NM is just another town to your committee maybe I should refer to it as the town where Cannon Air Force Base is located. Did I refresh your memory? Yes I am from the town that Donald Rumsfeld has proposed to devastate.

In a few short weeks your committee will be making a trip to New Mexico and I was informed that you would either be visiting Albuquerque or Clovis to review the base closings. My first question is why Albuquerque? The base that your committee is proposing to close is located in Clovis not Albuquerque. I would appreciate your committee talking to Clovis citizens after all it is our community you are proposing to devastate.

I firmly believe that the decision to close this base was biased. If you gather all the facts your committee will decide Cannon should remain open.

Cannon has unfettered air space, lack of encroachment issues, super sonic capabilities, and the ability for Cannon to continue training for the future with a multitude of aircraft...not just the F-16. Clovis NM also has the best weather for training purposes, after all how many hurricanes, tornadoes or severe weather has Clovis had in the past? I am a lifetime resident of the Clovis area (42 years) and I cant think of any.

Last but not least the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would not only devastate Clovis but about 12 other surrounding communities. Thank you for listening to me and please upon making your decision before you decide to make Clovis, Portales and the surrounding area a Ghost Town, think twice about our Past, Present and Future.

Sincerely,

Dina Sellers, A Native New Mexican

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