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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner:

I am writing this letter to you in the hope that we can save Cannon AFB, NM from closure. This is our home. My husband is a retired Msgt. of the Airforce. He spent 20 years serving our country. We were stationed at Cannon twice during this time. The second time was by choice. We chose to come to Cannon to finish our career with the Airforce and wanted to retire in this community.

Cannon has received many awards of distinction and honor during its 50 year history. The weather is fabulous, we have a wealth of air space, and virtually no issues of encroachment. All of these

factors make for realistic, safe, and awesome training for the world's best pilots. In addition, our state is implementing the New Mexico Training Range Initiative as a supportive measure to allow these fine pilots the opportunity to fly supersonic during training missions. Why? Because we love and support our base and our country.

Our communities have also donated land as a gesture of appreciation and support of Cannon. Local merchants offer standard savings to active duty and retirees with such gestures as 10% to members. These savings are year round, not just holidays. These communities truly love and support our military.

I truly believe that Cannon was placed on the closure list by mistake. I ask you to please review all of the outstanding assets of Cannon and I believe you will see how vital it is to our national security and the war on terror abroad. Cannon has excelled in numerous ways over the past 50 years and continues to do so. It has growth potential like no other installation and truly can be a gem for our services. My family of 5 beseech you to reconsider the closure of this fine base and our home. This community and Cannon are family and are an asset to our country. I thank you for your time and re-evaluation in this matter.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Michelle Sabin

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The Honorable James H. Bilbray:

I am writing to you in the hope of removing Cannon AFB from your proposed base closure list. I truly believe this base is on the list due to some type of error.

Cannon has won numerous awards throughout her distinctive 50 year history. She is an exceptional base who has been honored for her excellence. She is unique in the Air Force and in her community support and appreciation. I should know, I am the wife of a retired Msgt. in the USAF.

We were stationed here at Cannon not only once but twice during a 20 year career. The second time we chose to return to Cannon.

We chose Cannon because of her commitment

to excellence and her troops), but also because of the support and appreciation this community has for Cannon and her members - it is like no other base. It so impacted us that we chose to retire here.

The flying weather here at Cannon is exceptional year round. The vast amount of air space and lack of encroachment issues provide safe and realistic training situations for America's finest pilots. The community desires to enhance Cannon's mission through the NM Training Range Initiative which allows these fine pilots to fly at supersonic speeds to enhance their training - training that is so vital to our national security and our war on terror.

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The NM Training Range Initiative is only one example of community support for Cannon. The communities have also purchased and donated lands to Cannon to support her mission. Local business support our military daily through incentives and discounts.

Community support for Cannon and her personnel is unparalleled - trust me I know.

Cannon is unique and has the potential for growth. She is committed to quality and excellence and our defense and will only strive to achieve greater in the future. Please remove Cannon from your closure list. She is vital to our community, this region, the U.S., and democracy abroad.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I truly appreciate

your support in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Folke

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The Honorable James T. Hansen:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed closure of Cannon AFB. I am requesting that you reconsider this proposal.

Cannon is an exceptional base with a distinguished 50 year history. She has won numerous awards that set her and her personnel apart from mediocrity. My husband was stationed here twice. The last time we came here by choice. We enjoyed the community so much the first time and admired the exceptional standards set forth by Cannon that we wanted to return here. After 20 years of service this is where we wanted to retire.

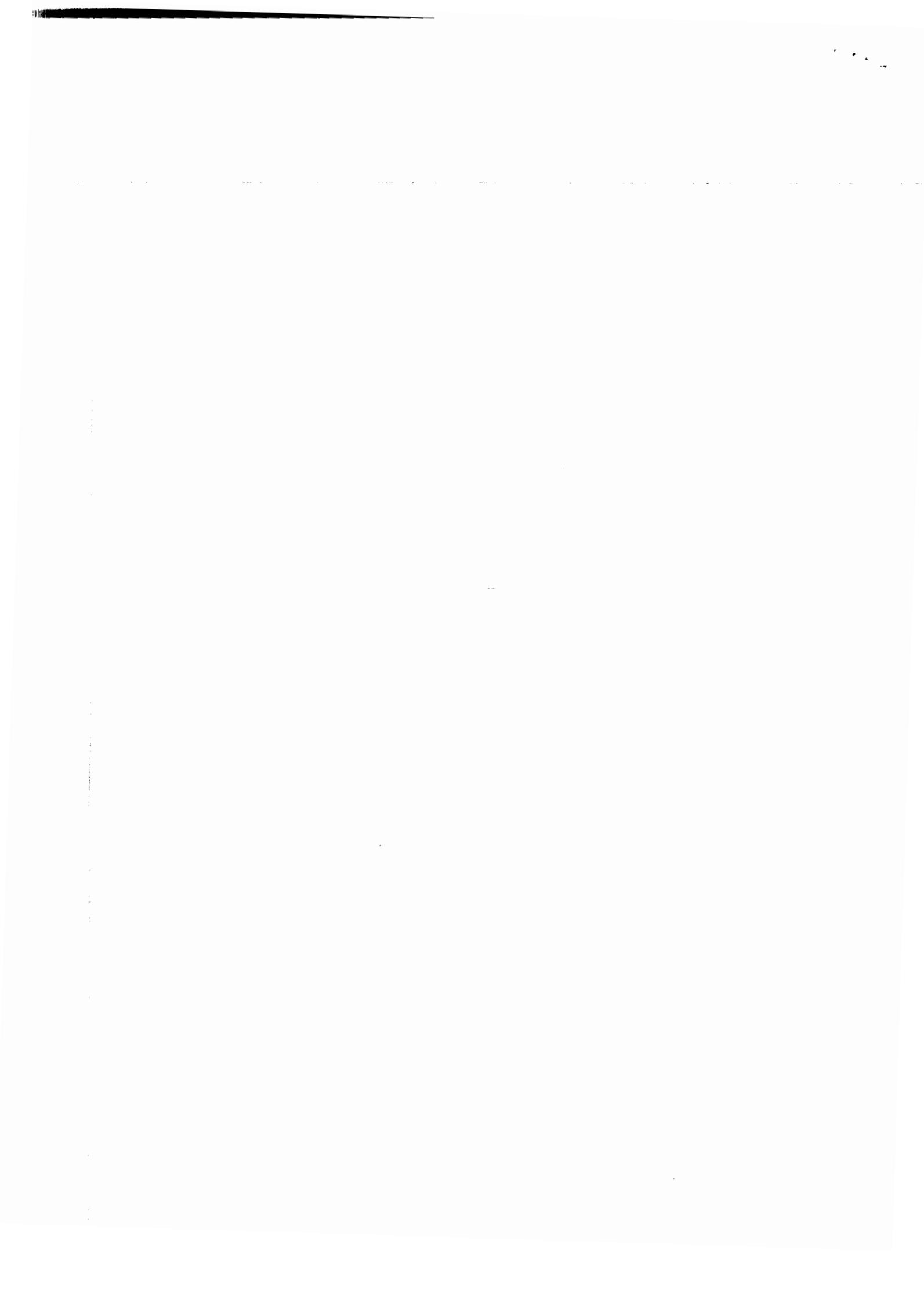
The weather is exceptional and the air space immense. Encroachment is a non-issue due to community support through donation of lands (to avoid such issues). The community has also purchased and donated lands for other supportive reasons. The NM Training Range Initiative will allow pilots to fly at supersonic speeds during training missions. All of these factors make Cannon a top site for safe and realistic training of America's finest.

Please reconsider this proposal. This base has the potential for growth due to its awesome flying conditions. Its excellence and commitment to our national defense have never wavered. I truly believe the base is essential to our national security.

and our war on terror abroad. I understand financial and budgetary constraints) and the need for retooling our defenses), but this is the wrong choice.

Please reconsider this move. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Foster



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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi:

I am writing to you as a U.S. citizen, resident of Clovis, and retiree dependant of a 20 year Air Force Veteran on behalf of our base - Cannon AFB. This is our home - Cannon is our home. My husband, MSGT (ret.) Robert G. Feltue spent 20 years defending our country and serving proudly. We were stationed at Cannon AFB twice during those 20 years, the second and final time by choice. We chose Cannon and Clovis, NM to be our last stop on a distinguished career as our place of retirement - a place to raise our family.

I truly do not feel that Cannon AFB fit the criteria for base closure. Cannon

has won countless) ACC, Air Force, NAF and STAT level awards for excellence as you well know. These awards were achieved because of the excellence of individuals and a base that exemplifies America's finest. Some of our best and brightest are stationed here at Cannon.

This base has an abundance of air space and no real encroachment issues to speak of. This provides for safer and more realistic training for our pilots, who have supported our endeavors in the Middle East in the past 2 wars. The sound of freedom can often be heard over our skies here in Clovis - a sound that makes me proud to be an American and a member of the Cannon community.

This community has supported our base for the past 50 years. They welcome all military members with open arms. There is an air of gratitude in the community and numerous businesses offer year-round discounts to active duty and retirees; why? Because this community loves and supports Cannon.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I truly feel you have made a mistake by slating Cannon for closure. This community has given lands and monetary support in form of benefits to show their appreciation for our being here! This is an award winning base in an award winning area in terms of their love and support of us! This is a place

our family of 5 has proudly chosen to call home. This is a base with the capability of expanding to meet our growing defense needs as we confront terror throughout our world. You will not find another base or community that will face those challenges with the zeal we have and come out a proud example of the best America and America's finest have to offer. Please reconsider this decision. This decision could potentially level a blow to a base with repeated superior outcomes) that should make every one of us proud and devastate a community that has supported America in her endeavors at every turn.

I thank you for your time and know that after careful review of all that Cannon has to offer now and in the future you will change your mind about her and remove her from your list. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Justice



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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner:

I am writing to you on behalf of our base - Cannon AFB, NM - in the hope that you will reconsider its placement on the closure list. Cannon is an outstanding base, but it is more than that, it is our home.

My husband proudly served 20 years with the Air Force. We were stationed at Cannon twice, with the second time being by choice - the only choice we put on our dream sheet. You may ask why Cannon? My husband felt it was a great base with an exceptional reputation and you could not match the kindness and support of the community; Something

not always felt at other bases). We have lived in this community for the past 17 years, with the exception of a 3 year tour to England. We retired here because of Cannon and the surrounding communities.

A quick review of Cannon AFB will expose numerous awards in which its excellence is acknowledged in various arenas. This base and its personnel take pride in their work and mission.

Air space is abundant and virtually no encroachment issues exist. Through community support, lands were often purchased and turned over to the base to avoid this issues and show the community's support of Cannon. The

weather is phenomenal for flying most of the year and the NM Training Range Initiative will allow these pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions). Again why? Because we love our base and support its excellence. This is our communities way of saying thank you for your service and our protection.

I could go on and on about how wonderful Cannon is and what a unique and supportive relationship it holds in the area. Please take a moment to review all the facts again and I think you will truly see how vital Cannon is to this area and our national security. Cannon has the potential to grow

to meet our nation's defense needs) as we fight the war on terror around the world. This base and our community are up to the challenges that have been placed before us since 9/11. Please allow us the opportunity to do what we do best - excell.

I thank you for your time and reconsideration on this matter. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Fagin

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Admiral Harold W. (Hal) Gehman, Jr.:

I am writing to you on behalf of Cannon AFB and the BRAC Commission's proposed closure of her. I am requesting that you please reconsider this proposal.

Cannon is an exceptional base that has won numerous awards of distinction and excellence during the past 50 years. She is a model base with model servicemen, women, and families. My husband and our family of 5 were stationed here on two separate occasions. The second time we chose Cannon, the only base on our dream sheet after being stationed abroad. We chose Cannon as our final base to end a career of distinction and Clovis as our

Community in which to retire. All because of Cannon AFB and a surrounding community that loves and supports their base like none other.

This community has purchased and donated lands to support Cannon and her mission. This community supports our military and our country and it is evident in all they say and do. Visit virtually any business in our community and they offer year round incentives and discounts to our active duty and retired military members. This community is part of what makes Cannon so great.

This area also offers exceptional weather, vast air space, and no encroachment issues to some of America's finest pilots. The NM Training Range Initiative seeks to further

enhance the abilities of Cannon's pilots by allowing them to fly at supersonic speeds during training missions). There are few other bases that get this kind of support from their communities in support of their mission.

There are so many reasons why Cannon should be removed from the closure list. I beseech you to examine all of the facts again and I'm sure you will see that closure of Cannon AFB is a mistake and could have a negative impact on our national defense and our war on terror.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. John



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The Honorable Philip Coyle:

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I am writing to you in regards to the BRAC Commission's proposed closure of Cannon AFB, NM. I am hoping that you will reconsider this decision by re-visiting the facts about our base and how detrimental her closure could be to not only our area but our national defense as well.

We are a retired military family of 5. We were stationed at Cannon twice during a 20 year career with the Air Force. The second time we were stationed at Cannon it was by choice. There were 2 main reasons that caused my husband to list Cannon as the only base on his dream sheet - Cannon's reputation of excellence and its treatment of its members.

and the appreciation and support we had received from this community the first time.

We so loved this base and the area that we chose to retire here.

Cannon has exceptional weather, expansive air space, and little or no issues of encroachment. This community purchased and donated lands to Cannon to support her mission. NM is furthering that support through the NM Training Range Initiative that will allow Cannon's pilots to fly supersonic during training missions. Not every community would go to such lengths to support their base and our national defense.

This community also supports our military in numerous other ways on a daily basis. Most local merchants offer regular incentives and discounts to active duty and retirees on

a daily basis.

Cannon has received numerous awards of distinction over the past 50 years and continues in its endeavors of excellence. Cannon has the potential for growth and continued excellence due to its location, community support, and her commitment to quality.

Cannon is vital to our national security and our war on terror. She trains some of America's top pilots that defend our borders and our freedom. I ask that you reconsider this closure. Cannon is much needed by this area, region, and our United States as we promote and protect democracy around the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michelle D. Fisher

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General James I. Hill:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed closure of Cannon AFB, NM. I am requesting that this decision be reconsidered. Cannon is a base that has received numerous awards of distinction and excellence throughout the past 50 years. Her personnel are among America's finest. My husband was one of those, serving 20 years in the Air Force.

We were stationed here not only once, but twice during those 20 years. The second time was by choice. We chose Cannon because of her excellence and because of the unique support this community offers military members and their families. These same reasons

are why we chose to retire here. The community support of Cannon is like no other base. The communities have purchased lands and given them to the base and numerous merchants offer year-round discounts to active-duty and retirees as a token of their appreciation and support. Stay in this community awhile and you will know that as a member of the military you are loved and appreciated.

Cannon is exceptional in quality and this area has great flying weather most of the year. The vast expanse of air space and lack of encroachment issues provide for safer and more realistic pilot training. In support of Cannon's mission, the New Mexico Training Range Initiative will

allow pilots to fly supersonic during training missions) to enhance their training.

This community goes all out to support our military and our national defense.

I implore you to reconsider closing Cannon AFB. She is an outstanding base with a stellar reputation for excellence. She has the potential to grow and become even more excellent. She is vital to this community, this region, our country, and the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Justice



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June 1, 2005

General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton:

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed closure of Cannon AFB.

I am in hope that once all of the facts are reviewed again, Cannon will be seen for what it is - an exceptional base that has received numerous awards for excellence over the past 50 years.

A base with a stellar reputation throughout the U.S., Cannon has set and maintained excellence and quality over the years.

This area has exceptional weather most of the year and a vast expanse of air space with little or no encroachment issues.

This affords Cannon's pilots with safer and more realistic opportunities for

training and becoming some of our nation's finest fighter pilots). Cannon personnel have supported numerous campaigns around the world as our nation has supported democracy and fought the war on terror. Our personnel have served with pride, honor, and distinction. This base fosters those pillars of character.

My husband served our country for 20 years in the Air Force. We were stationed at Cannon twice. The second time was by choice and we chose to retire here because of Cannon. Few may choose to come to Cannon, but if they were to investigate, they would uncover an installation with demonstrated excellence and a community that loves

and supports its military like no other. That's what makes Cannon unique.

I am asking that you please remove Cannon AFB from the closure list. A careful re-examination of this base will support her staying open and provide a basis for her expansion), an expansion that will further her exceptionality and meet our country's defensive needs as we fight this war on terror and support democracy around the globe.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. This is our home and we love and support our base.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Ladue

