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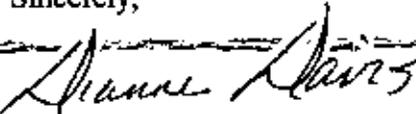
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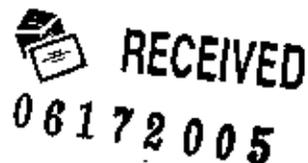
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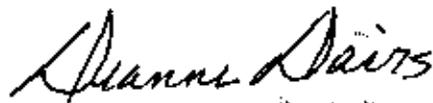
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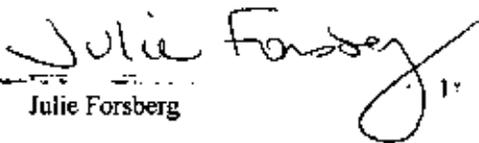
I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

Cannon Air Force Base should not be on the list because it does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war-fighting, training, and readiness as was evidence by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability and the base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

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Julie Forsberg

500 Casper Road
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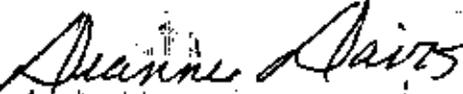
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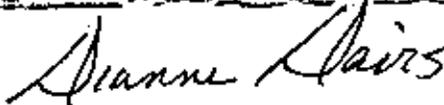
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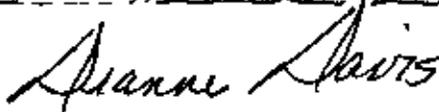
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Shelli Blackburn
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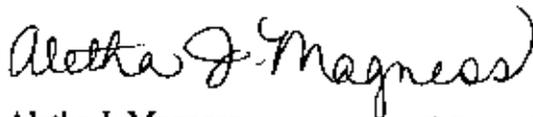
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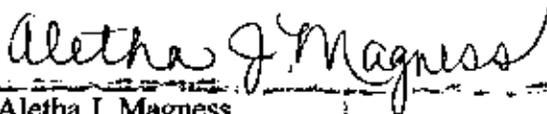
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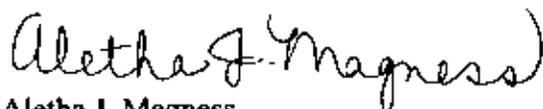
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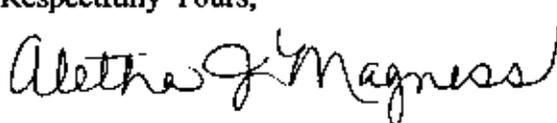
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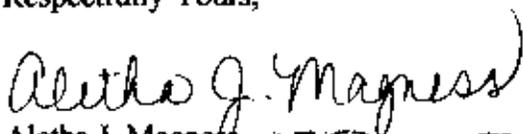
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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

Sandy Reynolds
Veteran of Air Force

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To Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, BRAC Commission Member,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base as part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic fly space, and the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, and then returning to the base.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

In the early 90's Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and **GAVE** them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land north of Cannon Air Force Base and **GAVE** it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now know as Chavez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and **GAVE** it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

We hope you will personally witness the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns; Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others. It is **UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY.** These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

Our community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the past 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. We are proud, honored and blessed to have Cannon Air Force Base. We respectfully ask that you visit **Cannon Air Force Base** and the area personally before your final decision to close Cannon is made.

Sincerely, *Bernice I. Weems*