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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
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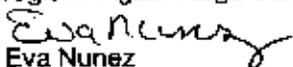
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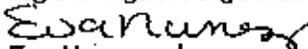
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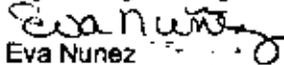
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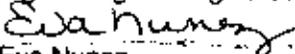
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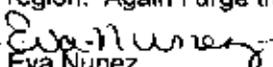
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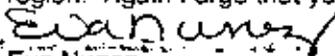
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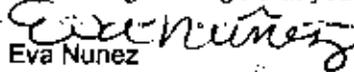
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Jacqui D. Hoppe

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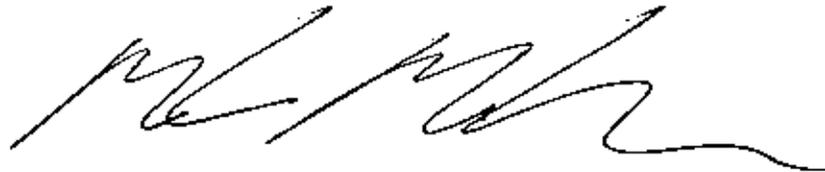
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Jack [unclear]
Barbara Hall
Patricia [unclear]
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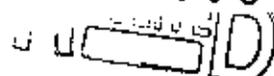
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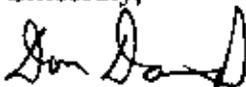
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I have met many people from the base. Including military and civilian. I actually found my true love because of the base. He got stationed here and we fell in love. I know that may sound kind of silly, telling you this. But on a personal note. I have met many great people there and I want to continue meeting people because of the base. Having a base in a community like Clovis gives everyone an opportunity to meet new people from all over the world. We are a friendly place to live. And we greet our military with open arms and try to do our best to make them feel at home. I am extremely close with my family. So I can imagine how our military often feel being away from their family. So we try to take care of them. And greet them with open arms. And take care of them in any way we can.

Taking the base away from Clovis will be a culture shock. I think that things would really slow down in our community. And as we are currently growing. Taking away the base would slow things down. Clovis is trying to succeed and expand in so many ways. Please don't take our base away. This community and the entire surrounding areas support the base in an extraordinary way. It's incredible.

Thank you so much for hearing my personal reasoning in keeping Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM.

Sincerely,
Linda Casaus
Clovis, NM 88101

Belinda Furrer

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3100 Las Palomas
Clovis, NM 881

May 28, 2005

BRAC COMMISSIONERS

Having lived in Clovis, NM a surrounding area for 50 plus years I have taken comfort in the phrase CLOVIS HOME OF CANNON AIR FORCE BASE. The security of our country depends on our military personal receiving the valuable training needed to protect and serve this great country. Cannon AFB offers some of the best training Not available at other instillations. We have great weather, wide-open air space and most important the bombing range. I sincerely feel that closing CAFB or any other military instillation at the present time would compromise the security of our country. We live in a great country with a tremendous amount of freedom and security that could be compromised by closing CAFB. Please reconsider and take CAFB off your closure list.

Sincerely,

Belinda Furrer



Lois A. Bowman
1015 Chama St.
Clovis, NM 88101

May 26, 2005

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2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
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RE: Cannon Air Force Base scheduled closure

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I could cite many reasons that Cannon should not be on the closure list, but I want to appeal to you as a citizen and a mother. Many people I work with, go to church with, friends and family would be greatly impacted by this closure. Without the base, many military retirees would have to travel over 200 miles to access base facilities. Please help us to keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

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May 29, 2005

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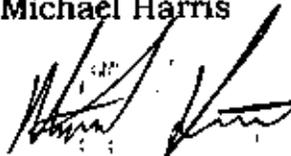
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To Whom It May Concern;

I moved here 15 years ago and I love the community we have here. In all the cities I have lived, I have never seen the harmony that there is between Cannon Air Force Base and the people of Clovis and the surrounding community. Cannon should not be closed because we have the perfect weather for all year flights, plus the fact that the Melrose bombing range is just seconds away. We have wide open skies for the pilots to do maneuvers in without encountering any air traffic. In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico, purchased air easements around Cannon and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachment and was an important issue for the Air Force. Clovis would be devastated if the base closed so please keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

Sincerely,

Michael Harris





Lois A. Bowman
1015 Chama St.
Clovis, NM 88101

06022005

May 26, 2005

Harold W. Gehman Jr.
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Cannon Air Force Base scheduled closure

Dear Mr. Gehman:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Clovis, New Mexico. As far back as I can remember (50+ yrs) Cannon Air Force Base has been in Clovis. I grew up in Tucumcari, NM and many friends are retired military who go to Cannon frequently. I recently transferred to Clovis with Wells Fargo Bank. I see first hand the impact that Cannon has on this and surrounding communities. My youngest son is in the Air Force and is in the process of cross-training. His desire is to transfer to Cannon and complete his 20 years of service here. He wants to buy a home and retire in Clovis.

I could cite many reasons that Cannon should not be on the closure list, but I want to appeal to you as a citizen and a mother. Many people I work with, go to church with, friends and family would be greatly impacted by this closure. Without the base, many military retirees would have to travel over 200 miles to access base facilities. Please help us to keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

Sincerely,

Lois Bowman

May 30, 2005

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The Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Commissioner Coyle:

I was shocked to learn of the Department of Defense's recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I read with great interest the selection criteria for Base Realignment and Closure and the reasons given by the Department of Defense (DOD) to support the closure of Cannon AFB. Not only do I believe that the reasons are flawed, I also believe that Cannon AFB does not fit the criteria for base closure and that the DOD failed to make the BRAC Commission fully aware of some important information to be considered.

The DOD gives priority consideration for BRAC to military value, therefore allow me to emphasize some important information that the BRAC commission may not have been made aware of, specifically regarding the New Mexico Training Range Initiative (NMTRI). Developed by Colonel Robert Yates, former Commander of the 27th Fighter Wing at Cannon AFB, the NMTRI is a proposal to provide more realistic training opportunities for the 27th Fighter Wing and the New Mexico Air National Guard in Cannon Air Force Base managed airspace. The NMTRI includes modifying existing airspace, creating new airspace, authorizing supersonic flight at medium altitudes, and expanding the use of defensive countermeasures into the new and modified airspace. The resulting airspace would allow pilots to train in the full range of missions and tactics they require to prepare for combat. The NMTRI is a collaboration between the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Office for Military Base Planning, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Air Force. Years of work have been put into the NMTRI by both the Air Force and the State of New Mexico. Implementation of the NMTRI is a key component of national defense. It is my belief that the pending approval of the NMTRI would have significant impact of the DOD's first criterion for Base Closure and Realignment, which is listed as: The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the total force of the DOD, including the impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness.

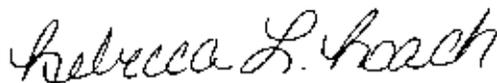
The second criterion, "The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations" should also have greater consideration. Cannon AFB has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. The communities surrounding Cannon AFB are in

part responsible for that. In the early 90's, Curry County and the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB and gave them to the Air Force. The local community also purchased the land north of Cannon AFB and gave it to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Our community also purchased land west of Cannon AFB and again gave it to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway. Not only is there availability of land and airspace, it is being given to the Air Force by the state and local communities.

One of the reasons and the seventh criterion given by the DOD dealt with the economic impact on the communities surrounding Cannon AFB. The DOD suggests there would be a maximum potential reduction of 4,780 jobs, both direct and indirect. A recent Economic Impact Study indicated that almost 7,000 jobs, both direct and indirect, result from Cannon AFB operations. As you can see there is a marked difference in the numbers.

I implore you to vote to overturn the recommendation and remove Cannon from the BRAC list.

Sincerely,



Rebecca I. Roach
2005 Weeden Drive
Clovis, NM 88101

May 22, 2005

06022005

Dear BRAC Commission,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my appreciation to each and every member of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission for their service to our country. I realize that each and every decision that the Commission makes has been reached through many countless hours and thoughtful considerations; thus, I extend my gratitude to each member and thank you for your service.

My name is Laurie Viennau, and I grew up on the High Plains of Texas and New Mexico. For my entire life, I have lived within thirty miles of Cannon Air Force Base. As a child, Cannon Air Force Base was awe-inspiring with its fascinating fighters and uniformed men and women. It alone instilled great pride in me for my country and our military. In fact, if Cannon had not been a part of my life, I would not have even thought about our military or our country's defense.

Then as a young woman, I married a sergeant from Cannon Air Force Base, and what the base meant to me and my community took on a whole new dimension. First, I began to realize what a wonderful relationship Cannon and Clovis had built. The people of Clovis (my grandparents, parents, and sister included) love the men and women at Cannon Air Force Base. These men and women are essential parts of our lives. We attend church with them, work with them, and our children attend school together just to name a few. They are a vital aspect of our lives, and they are our family.

Further, I began to recognize that Cannon was one of the most capable and active bases in the Air Force's inventory. In fact, Cannon's potential to grow as a powerful asset for the Air Force still continues, and Cannon Air Force Base should not be included on any closure list for many reasons.

First, Cannon has an abundance of airspace and does not have any encroachment issues. Cannon is ideally situated for growth and expansion unlike many Air Force bases and can readily accommodate nearly any need the Air Force might have for growth and consolidation of our armed forces. Moreover, Cannon is a prime base for joint training with other military branches since Cannon has the space and facilities readily available for such joint exercises and operations. Furthermore, unlike many bases that cannot fly at night because of noise factors, Cannon's pilots can practice and train at any time of the day or night and at any time of the year. The weather of Eastern New Mexico is perfect for training year round since we have very few days of inclement weather. In addition, Cannon Air Force Base will be one of the few places that can train pilots to fly at supersonic speeds once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented. I believe that this fact alone is vastly important considering the aircraft that our pilots are trained to fly—why purchase and inventory aircraft with such great capabilities if our airmen cannot safely practice and learn to fly such superior planes and at supersonic speeds. Therefore, I pray that each of these important factors will now be considered and the commission will see what great potential Cannon Air Force Base has to offer for the defense of our great nation.

Furthermore, I believe that not only will our defense and military suffer a great loss if Cannon closes, but this community will suffer an immense impact. In fact, many of my friends and relatives' businesses rely on the relationship between Clovis and Cannon. If Cannon Air Force Base is removed from this area, each resident of this community will feel a huge negative impact and suffer many avoidable losses. I personally believe that this town and surrounding communities will suffer a much greater loss than what the Pentagon's figures suggest. In addition, many of my friends will lose their jobs since they are civilian employees or contractors at Cannon. Also, as the wife of a retired Master Sergeant, I will also personally feel the impact of losing a huge part of my life since I depend on Cannon for my medical care, commissary shopping, and many recreational activities.

Finally, I would just like to say that as a prior Air Force wife and dependent, I have seen many of the wonderful contributions that Cannon has offered to the United States Air Force, Eastern New Mexico, and Clovis and its surrounding communities. Further, I believe that a decision to close this base would be a regrettable mistake and detriment to our military and its missions. Therefore, I pray that each of you as members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will sincerely review the decision to close Cannon Air Force Base and remove it from the closure list. I strongly believe that many essential facts were overlooked and that Cannon will and should be a positive asset in our military's future. I look forward to the BRAC Commission's regional hearing on June 24, 2005 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Respectfully yours,

Laurie G. Vienneau

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Dear B.R.A.C. Commission,

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My name is Jessica, and I am 18 years old. Clovis/Cannon A.F.B., New Mexico, has been my home since the time I was born. My dad is a retired Master Sergeant from the Air Force. He was stationed at Cannon for over 19 years. I was a military child, but I never knew what it was like to live the military life.

The only base I ever knew was Cannon A.F.B., and it became my home. I was born on the base and lived on the base. I grew up always hearing the noise of the F-111's and then the F-16's. I went to air shows, had military friends, and grew up respecting the sacrifices of military men and women. Cannon became a part of me, so much that when my dad retired from the Air Force, I pleaded with him to stay around this area. With him being a retiree, living near the base provided many benefits. If Cannon were to close, many people like my dad would have one less reason to stay around this community.

Furthermore, just as Cannon is a part of me, it's a part of Clovis. The main reason that the area I live around is patriotic is because of Cannon. "Support the troops" stickers and magnets are seen everywhere. Men and women in uniform are saluted and thanked for their sacrifices. Radio station djs visit the military on T.D.Y.'s. Why? The reason is because Cannon is a part of Clovis emotionally, economically, and historically.

Cannon affects Clovis emotionally because closing Cannon is taking away our friends, family, and heroes. It hurts this city economically because Cannon is Clovis— Clovis will financially die without Cannon. Furthermore, Cannon is historically a part of Clovis because it has been around since the 1940's and Clovis and Cannon grew together. They are one community.

Moreover, Cannon Air Force Base has been serving this country proficiently for decades, so why close it now? In fact, Cannon has the capabilities of expanding and having the necessary resources for becoming an even better Air Force base. The city of Clovis has bought land over the years and gave it to Cannon for the purpose of air space, housing, and expansion. Clovis recognizes the importance of Cannon Air Force Base to the United States of America. Therefore, I believe that if the B.R.A.C. Commission will look at the new facts concerning Cannon Air Force Base, the commission will agree that Cannon is an essential base for the Air Force.

Sincerely,

Jessica L. Vienneau

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06022005

May 20, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission

I am not a member of the military nor is anyone in my immediate family, but we have numerous relatives and even more friends who are. We believe that the Pentagon has made a terrible mistake by adding CAFB to the list for closure.

Friends whom are enlisted members are ready to do whatever our government says they must do, but their hearts and livelihood belong here in Clovis. I have one friend in particular whose son is ill. She has tried to keep up with school, homework, housework, being a wife, and the best mother her children deserve. With our base being put on the list for closing, it has put her and her family through a period of not knowing how to handle their son's problem. He will need to have surgery no matter where they live; I'd just really like to be there for them when the time comes. When they first came to Clovis, it took time for them to get comfortable here; but know they call it home. I do realize that if we do stay on the list it will be awhile before the base actually closes, but to me it's like waiting for someone with cancer to pass away. Please don't take my friends away!!

Besides my own selfish needs for my friends, there are real reasons why CAFB should of not been placed on the list such as: we do not fit the criteria provided for closure, we have an abundance of air space to provide more realistic training, supersonic airspace allows training for real-life situations, the bombing range is seconds away from the runway, and the weather here provides year round training ability.

I know you will get numerous letters like this. I pray that they all mention the outstanding relationship the base has with the surrounding towns. Please also keep in mind that Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a very large number of military retirees. All of these people who have fought for our country are now fighting to keep to CAFB for a place to get adequate healthcare, a place to shop, get groceries and much more.

Please BRAC, fight for our community. We are doing everything we can, but we need and beg for your help in our effort to be removed from the closure list.

Sincerely

Stephen Page
Concerned Clovis Citizen

May 20, 2005

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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission Members:

It is with heartfelt concern that we write requesting your utmost attention to hearing the residents of Eastern New Mexico that our support for Cannon Air Force Base not fall on deaf ears. The combined communities of Clovis and Portales, as well as the surrounding areas, have given unbelievable support to our military personnel and their families for almost fifty years. Losing Cannon Air Force Base would destroy our area, would greatly hurt our schools, churches, and retail businesses. The Clovis area is currently experiencing a growth not seen here ever before. To not allow Cannon Air Force Base to stay would be devastating to us all.

It is difficult to understand the thinking of the BRAC Commission to place Cannon Air Force Base on the closure list because Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. This base has abundant air space with no encroachment issues, which provides safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots. Also, once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point because it allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations. Another consideration is that the weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability. Then the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon and is one of only two bombing ranges in the United States. This allows pilots to be airborne and immediately begin training operations rather than spending all their fuel just to get to the range, make one pass over, then return to the base. Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations. 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 military aircraft. The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns of Clovis, Portales, West Texas, and others, is unlike any other installation in the country. Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas, including Amarillo and Lubbock, are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military.

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 encroachment and was an important issue for the Air Force. Also, the local community purchased the land north of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known 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. Leaders within our community spear-

headed the effort to expand and convert the air space to supersonic capability through the New Mexico Training Range Initiative.

The Clovis/Portales communities have reached out and supported Cannon like no other community over the past 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all, consistently. During the past six years, military personnel from Singapore have trained at Cannon Air Force Base.

This has been a very difficult week for the citizens of Clovis, Portales, and Cannon Air Force Base. We feel Cannon was picked at random for the closure list, that there is no justification for closing this base. Your utmost attention to removing Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC List is our hope and prayer. We beg your consideration and pray you will keep Cannon in Clovis, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

George & Maggie Powell
George and Maggie Powell

May 20, 2005

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Sincerely

Stephen L. Page
Concerned Clovis Citizen

May 22, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va. 22202

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC list. I am a 52 year old native of Clovis, New Mexico and I cannot remember when Cannon was not a part of life here. As a small child I had the privilege of seeing President Eisenhower when he stopped at Cannon, a memory I shall never forget. Growing up my family attended many Cannon Air Shows to watch the Thunderbirds and other members of our military demonstrate the capabilities of our great nation. Military families were always a part of our neighborhood, in 1956 Don Smith, a pilot from Cannon moved his family down the street from us thus beginning a life long friendship between two families. In 2001 when we celebrated my parent's 50th wedding anniversary, Don and Ginny Smith drove from Archie, Missouri to be part of that celebration. As a child and a teenager many of my friends were from Cannon. Family holidays usually included Airmen who attended our church in our festivities.

As an adult the pattern has continued, I count among my best friends people who have retired from Cannon to make Clovis their home. Some of them have become a part of our family. We support each other through health issues and other personal challenges. Cannon has enriched my life thru the personnel I never would have met if there was no Cannon. My children went to Ranchvale Elementary which was more than 95% military children. My husband coached a girls basketball team made up of military dependents, we helped families thru the lonely times when dad was away and celebrated when he returned. My husband and I farmed for fifteen years the land right off the end of the runway. I watched the growth of Cannon as a part of the scenery I observed while plowing or gardening or just looking out the window while doing dishes.

I could write pages about the positive ways Cannon has impacted my life, however I am writing because of the negative impact closing Cannon will have on me personally. I am a school teacher and I am very concerned about the effects closing Cannon will have on our school system. It is projected that we will lose three elementary schools and one junior high. My husband and I are the owners of a small business; we have been in business less than two years. The impact of closing Cannon will certainly have an adverse impact on our business. A 20.5

percent job loss seems disastrous to a community of Clovis's size.

When I reviewed the criteria to close a base I became confused. Cannon has no problems concerning physical encroachment, air space, or weather. I believe the co-operation between the community and the military cannot be matched any where. Please look carefully at the ripple effect closing Cannon will have, not only on the military, but on the economy of a community that has supported our military whole-heartedly throughout the years.

Respectfully,

Sheryl Reid
Sheryl Reid

5-20-05

BRAC Commissioners

06022005

Dear Commissioners

I feel it would be a terrible mistake both economically and militarily to close Cannon AFB for the following

1. There are no encroachment problems
2. The bombing training range is 22000 ft from the end of the runway
3. There is unlimited supersonic airspace
4. There is an average of 328 days a year of flying weather
5. If Cannon AFB closes the nearest AFBase would be 225 miles away. A long drive for the thousands of retired military to get services

Sincerely

Charles F. Dlouhy, Jr. CMSgt USAF Ret

1420 Fairway Terrace

Clonio N.M. 88101

May 27, 2025

Gentlemen:

06022005

This is in support of keeping
Cannon Air Force Base open - not
only is the base vital to the
defense of the Nation, it is also
vital to the welfare of Clevis,
Pacton and surrounding communities.

I agree with all the various
reasons listed in the articles I'm
reading about the benefits to our
national security and the economic
benefits of the low cost of living in
our communities - I also believe
Clevis - Pacton and the surrounding
communities can meet the needs of
the military members and their families
in the areas of education, health-care,
entertainment and shopping. Our communities
are growing and open to providing a
strong support system for the military families.

Not only do these families bring economic
support to the communities, they bring
a wealth of knowledge, talent and
new ideas which have helped to make
our community what it is today.

The husband is retired military and

we know the value of living in a
community that cares about family
life - therefore please reconsider
your decision and help keep Concord
a vital part of the national security
and our community.

Sincerely,

Ellie Houtley

06022005

May 23, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission,

As a citizen of Clovis, New Mexico I am writing to you in regard to the proposed closing of Cannon Air Force Base. This base is vital to our town; we are asking that it remain open.

Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure. The base has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, we will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions. This is a very important point, as it allows the Air Force to better train for real-life situations. The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.

These are just a small portion of the many reasons I believe Cannon Air Force Base needs to remain open. Our town has supported and encouraged the presence of an Air Force Base; please do not take this away from us.

Sincerely,

April Greene

Kathi Shaw
109 Green Acres Rd.
Clovis, NM 88101

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May 22, 2005

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When you come to town to visit you will see for yourselves that Clovis and Cannon are one and the same. You will see that in all our business are signs supporting Cannon and all the Military. You will see yellow ribbons and red, white and blue ribbons of support on cars and homes. Not just because of our desire to keep Cannon but Because we support our Armed Forces always.

Please look at the facts and potential Cannon has to offer to the Air Force of the future and remove Cannon from the BRAC list.

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Let me explain.

I work for an organization called ENMRSH Inc. At ENMRSH we serve individuals with disabilities. We help them with virtually all aspects of there lives from residential to vocational. Approximately seventy-five of the individual that we serve work on federal contract at Cannon. They work in the commissary as the stockers and as the custodial crew. The also run the switchboard at Cannon. These individuals also work at the mess hall as dishwashers and mess attendants. I cannot even imagine the impact that the closure would have on their lives. I am also worried about the effect that this would have on my career and my family.

I also work a second job which is on Cannon Air Force Base. I work for DOD/NAF as an Operations Assistant for the Air Force Club Systems. I do not do this for the money. I do it for two other very important reasons. The first reason is because of health insurance. I have been married for almost ten years and during this time it has been next to impossible for me to get health insurance for my wife. Cannon has finally made that a reality. I have no clue what I would do if I didn't have this job and my wife was to become ill. The second reason is because of the base itself and the people out there. I work there because its fun. I enjoy the airmen, the officers and their dependants. If it wasn't for these reasons I'd be fishing with my five year old son on Saturdays instead of working.

There are many other non-personal reasons that I believe it is a mistake to close Cannon. First is the economy of Clovis and all the surrounding communities. I believe that this would have a grave impact on all aspects of life in the area surrounding Cannon.

Did you know that there are about 320 days of ideal flying weather in the Cannon and Clovis area? There is very little encroachment on flying space and Cannon itself. I am sure that the proposed expanded airspace for the New Mexico Air Training Initiative has been overlooked as well. This means that jets could fly lower and at supersonic speeds right here within just miles of the base. This in itself is a major perk for the Air Force.

These are just a few of the reasons that I think it would be in the best interest to keep Cannon Air Force Base alive and well in Eastern New Mexico.

Thank you for your time

Ricky J. Sain



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Let me explain.

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I also work a second job which is on Cannon Air Force Base. I work for DOD/NAF as an Operations Assistant for the Air Force Club Systems. I do not do this for the money. I do it for two other very important reasons. The first reason is because of health insurance. I have been married for almost ten years and during this time it has been next to impossible for me to get health insurance for my wife. Cannon has finally made that a reality. I have no clue what I would do if I didn't have this job and my wife was to become ill. The second reason is because of the base itself and the people out there. I work there because its fun. I enjoy the airmen, the officers and their dependants. If it wasn't for these reasons I'd be fishing with my five year old son on Saturdays instead of working.

There are many other non-personal reasons that I believe it is a mistake to close Cannon. First is the economy of Clovis and all the surrounding communities. I believe that this would have a grave impact on all aspects of life in the area surrounding Cannon.

Did you know that there are about 320 days of ideal flying weather in the Cannon and Clovis area? There is very little encroachment on flying space and Cannon itself. I am sure that the proposed expanded airspace for the New Mexico Air Training Initiative has been overlooked as well. This means that jets could fly lower and at supersonic speeds right here within just miles of the base. This in itself is a major perk for the Air Force.

These are just a few of the reasons that I think it would be in the best interest to keep Cannon Air Force Base alive and well in Eastern New Mexico.

Thank you for your time

Ricky J. Sain

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Dear BRAC Commission,

My name is Kimberly Vienness, and I am 14 years old and have lived at Cannon and in Clovis all my life. My dad was in the Air Force and stationed at Cannon for 19 years. I grew up at Cannon Air Force Base, and it's all that I can remember. Cannon is what makes Clovis. When you take away Cannon, you take away a huge part of Clovis. Cannon means a lot to the community.

Before my dad retired from Cannon, he was dead set on moving back to Maine (his home state), but because my sister and I grew up here, we convinced him to stay in Clovis. We loved Cannon/Clovis so much. But if Cannon does close, Clovis will never be the same.

Also with the military being here, it helps a lot of my friends appreciate what the military does for our country. In fact, with the base being here and my friends seeing the military all over Clovis, it helps them to realize how important our military is.

Finally, I would just like to say that I might not know all about the whole "Cannon should not be closed because... the base's abundance of air-

space... or it provides for safer/realistic training for pilots," but Cannon means just as much to me even if I don't know about alot of that. However, I do know that if Cannon does close, it will hurt my community immensely!

Respectfully yours,

Pamela A. Niemman

May 27, 2005

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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman, Jr.:

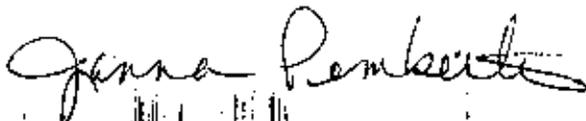
Please be assured that we WANT Cannon to stay! I feel that Clovis and all of the surrounding areas have had a great relationship over the last 50 years and would like to continue it for another 50 years.

We've have fantastic flying conditions year round as well as tons of airspace and no encroachment issues. The bombing range is just a short jaunt from Cannon. It seems to me that Cannon doesn't even fit the criteria provided for base closure.

When some people get stationed here they hate it because they feel like it's out in the middle of nowhere, but somehow Clovis grows on them and a lot of them have ended up retiring here. So we have a lot of retired military that depend on Cannon for medical, groceries, & clothing. Our friends and neighbors also work at the base as civil service personnel

I hope that you will see your way to removing Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list so that we can continue our support of the troops and all other personnel.

Sincerely,


Janna Pemberton

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The Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
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Dear Commissioner Coyle:

Greetings from Eastern New Mexico. This letter is intended to help support the argument to Keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

I have lived in Clovis all my life and have raised my family here. If it weren't for Cannon I would not have been born. My Father was stationed at Clovis Army Air Base in WWII and met my mother here.

After leaving the Air Force they elected to stay in Clovis. He is like thousands of others in the area. Clovis has become their home as Cannon and the Air Force is part of our culture.

Clovis is an Air Force town and we're dang proud of it. By removing Cannon, you take away not only many of our neighbors and family, but our identity.

As far as the military value; where else can you find:

- 1) Abundant air space without encroachment?
- 2) Supersonic airspace without complaints?
- 3) The weather and as many flying days as in Eastern New Mexico?
- 4) The relationship with the local community that you find at Cannon?

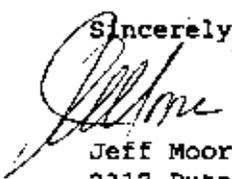
As a member of the Clovis Committee of 50 for nine years, I have personally served as Chairman of the Cannon Appreciation Day celebration where we invite all Cannon personnel to join community volunteers in a great day of food and fun.

I invite you to ask anyone who has attended; what an honor it is to have been a part of this celebration.

My wife has worked two years with this event and as she handed Cannon's personnel their food they always thank her. It warms my heart when I here her say "No, thank you for what you do, every day".

Finally, Cannon Air Force Base has received countless Air Force and National level awards. Unless the Air Force just gives awards for the sake of giving them, Cannon must have significant military value. What are we going to do with those awards once Cannon is gone? Give them to the second best base? I hope we don't settle for second best. If Cannon is the best, help us keep it open.

Sincerely,


Jeff Moore
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May 27, 2005

The Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Commissioner Coyle:

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

Cannon is an important and valued member of our community. Not only will the closure of this base will have a devastating impact on our economy, but it will also affect countless personal and professional relationships throughout the region.

Furthermore, Clovis and the surrounding areas offer an environment conducive to the training and readiness of our national defense forces. The nearby availability of supersonic and unfringeable airspace combined with new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises make Cannon a genuine asset to our country's armed forces.

The citizens of Clovis and the surrounding area consider the personnel at Cannon part of our community's family. It would be a shame to see them go. Please come to the Cannon hearing in Clovis and see what I mean. Please let us KEEP CANNON

Sincerely,



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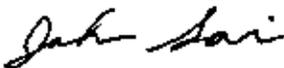
I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

I want to make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes Cannon offers to our national defense and local community.

- Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure.
- Cannon has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. This provides for safer and more realistic training scenarios for pilots.
- The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training opportunities.
- 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 ample space/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations
- Clovis, Portales, Eastern New Mexico, West Texas (including Amarillo and Lubbock) are home to a large military retiree population. These people rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more. There is not another installation close by to serve our retired military. The many veterans in the area, one of whom is my stepfather, make it clear that they feel at home here.
- The local community has welcomed the personnel and donated time and land to promote the base's needs. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family

In summary, the Clovis, Portales and surrounding communities have reached out and supported Cannon Air Force Base like no other community over the last 50 years. We've done so financially, morally, spiritually and above all consistently. The continued operation of Cannon Air Force Base is not only extremely important for this region, but for the Nation as a whole. Respectfully, I urge you to vote to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Philip Coyle
BRAC Commission
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Commissioner Coyle:

I am writing this letter with the deepest hopes that you will reconsider closing Cannon Air Force Base.

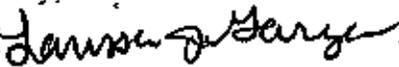
Cannon Air Force Base attributes so many things to our national defense. These include facilities suitable for joint training exercises, a low-cost environment that promotes cost efficient training and airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed.

The community has been supportive by donating time and land to promote Cannon's needs.

The closing of Cannon will have a devastating effect on our economy. It has been estimated the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce. Cannon is critical for us.

I ask you to please consider Cannon's importance to the nation as well as our community. Please let us keep Cannon.

Sincerely,



Larissa J. Garza
Clovis, New Mexico

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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman, Jr.:

I am writing you to state my feelings about CAFB being on the closure list. I have lived in Clovis all my life, and Cannon has always been a big part of living in Clovis, and the surrounding towns and communities such as Portales, Melrose, all the way to the people in West Texas including Amarillo and Lubbock. I have felt safe and secure having Cannon here. I have met many, many wonderful people that were stationed at the base.

If the base were to be closed they will close schools in Clovis. This would be a hard ship for lots of people, mostly the children. There would be jobs lost for many people in our area. That will hurt everyone!!

Clovis has been growing so much with a wonderful future for everyone around here, thus is largely due to Cannon being here. We all like the security of having a military base here.

Our area is great as far as everything from the weather to the airspace that is here for the plains to do their training. We have a great bombing range here for all the practice they would need.

So in closing PLEASE, reconsider closing Cannon Air Force Base.

Sincerely,



Pam Jones
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General Lloyd W. Newton
BRAC Commission
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RE: Closure of Cannon AFB

Dear General Newton:

I don't know what consideration was taken to select the bases on the Closure list, but I would like to challenge you to take another look at Cannon.

My Husband was stationed at Cannon in the 1960's, he went TDY several times while stationed at Cannon and was so happy to get back. He was a crew chief on the F100s, and feels that Cannon was the best training base and experience of his life in the Service. The jets' flying overhead is the sound of FREEDOM and is music to his ears. We went out to the Melrose Bombing Range, what an experience. The pilots only had a short time from takeoff to dropping their bombs and it was thrilling to be able to see them in action.

I can't even start to explain how devastating the closure of Cannon would be to Clovis and the surrounding communities. Below are a few things that these communities provide for Cannon.

1. Education – any level
2. Housing
3. Safe communities
4. Employment
5. Friendly people
6. Airspace for training
7. Land for expansion

WE WANT TO KEEP CANNON!

Please reconsider!!!

Sincerely,



Linda Klingensmith
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman, Jr.:

I am very concerned about **Cannon Air Force Base** being placed on the closure list. In my mind, I believe a computer malfunction has inadvertently placed Cannon on the list for closure. Its hard for me to imagine how our country would be without the defense that Cannon provides to this great nation and the other countries it protects to sustain our freedom. I'm not sure what the criteria is to close an Air Base, but this area is the perfect environment for defense functions.

- Unrestricted airspace
- Weather good year round
- Close proximity to the Melrose bombing range
- Encroachment not an issue
- Community that supports base families 100%
- Excellent base facilities

Please re-evaluate Cannon Air Force Base and remove them from the closure list.

Sincerely,



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