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Dear Sir,

The proposal to close Cannon Air Force Base near Cloves, new Mexico is mind boggling.

The area has excellent weather for training, unlimited air space and a welcoming community. The Bomb Range near Melrose, N.M. is invaluable and proposals are underway to expand the supersonic flying areas. There is no threat of encroachment by the city of Clovis as has happened in other areas and there is very little commercial aircraft to contend with.

The area is home to many retirees and some of our in-town neighbors are active duty air force. We came to Cannon in 1976 as active duty and chose to retire here because of the base facilities and the friendly people.

Cannon is at the heart of this community and we think it would be a great disservice to the nation's security, the Air Force and the Clovis NM area to close it.

Thank you

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