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I don't think Cannon Air Force Base should be closed for the following reasons:

The base has an abundance of Air Space and no encroachment issues which provides for better training, scenarios for pilots. We will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly at supersonic speeds during their training missions.

The Melrose bombing range is about 40 miles West of Cannon. This allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all their fuel to get to the range.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting training and readiness.

The availability of airspace and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions.

Cannon has won numerous awards both on the ACC and Air Force levels.

The relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns is very good.

The community has reached out and supported the base like no other community over the last 50 years.

Sincerely

Felipe Martinez

