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Dear Member of BRAC Commission:

For the following reasons I urge you to keep Cannon Air Force Base open: (It has a good record of sending planes to Iraq area without accidents also.)

- Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure
- Once the NM Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions.
- The weather in eastern NM provides year-around training.
- The Melrose bombing range was supported by the local residents and NM Commission of Public Lands and without Cannon, that bombing range is not feasible.
- Cannon has ample space/ramp space 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 mission for the F-22, Joint Strike Fighter, and other military aircraft.
- The relationship between Cannon and the surrounding area: Clovis, Portales, West Texas and others is unlike any other installation in the country.
- It has been estimated that the closing of Cannon will cost this area the loss of more jobs, and have a great negative impact on the economy than any other area in the country.

Sincerely,
Donna M. Foster