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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Chairman and BRAC Commissioners:

We have read and heard, to our dismay, that Cannon Air Force Base is on the Base Closure List.

The 27th. Fighter Wing is one of the most potent Air Force Wings in the United States Air Force. Over the years, Cannon has been tops in numerous Air Force and other military competitions.

In addition, Cannon has an extraordinary amount of unrestricted flying space. This area also offers an ample amount of space for expansion as might be needed. The weather on a yearly basis is most conducive to flying. Cannon is in close proximity to Melrose Bombing Range which is another asset for this base.

It is difficult to comprehend why a ready and lethal combat Wing, that has proven itself time and again, should be broken up and dispersed elsewhere.

The people of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas have demonstrated, time and time again, their support of Cannon.

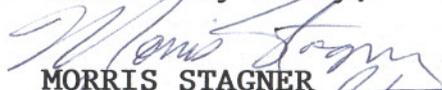
All of the above assets should be considered in removing Cannon from the closure list.

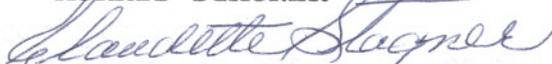
We were both in Clovis High School when Cannon was re-activated in the early 1950's. We have been eyewitnesses to the economic impact that Cannon has had upon the Clovis-Portales area. The closing of Cannon will have the most devastating economic impact on the Clovis-Portales area than any event that has occurred in the past 50 plus years.

We both respectfully request that Cannon Air Force Base be removed from the Closure List.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,


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